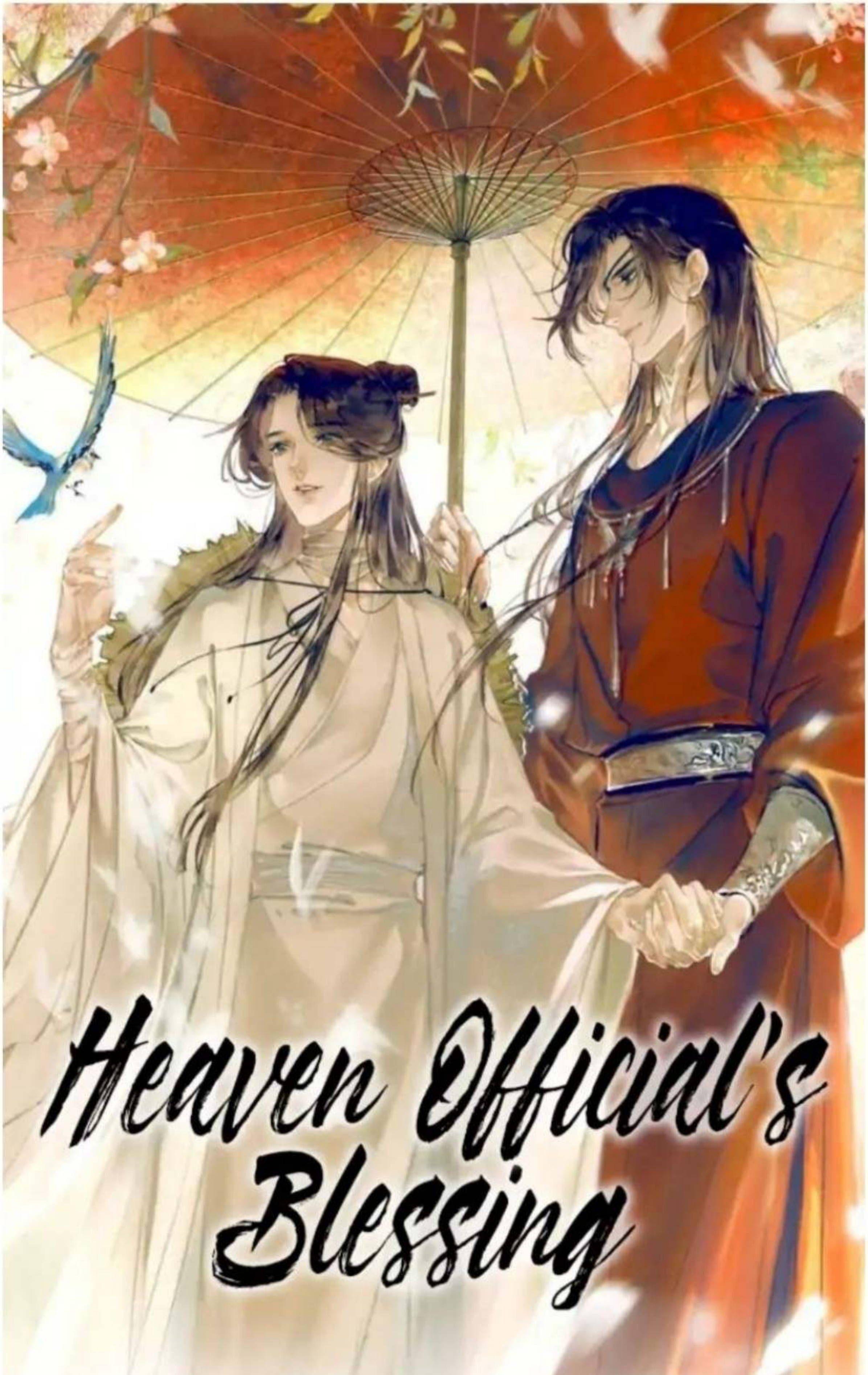

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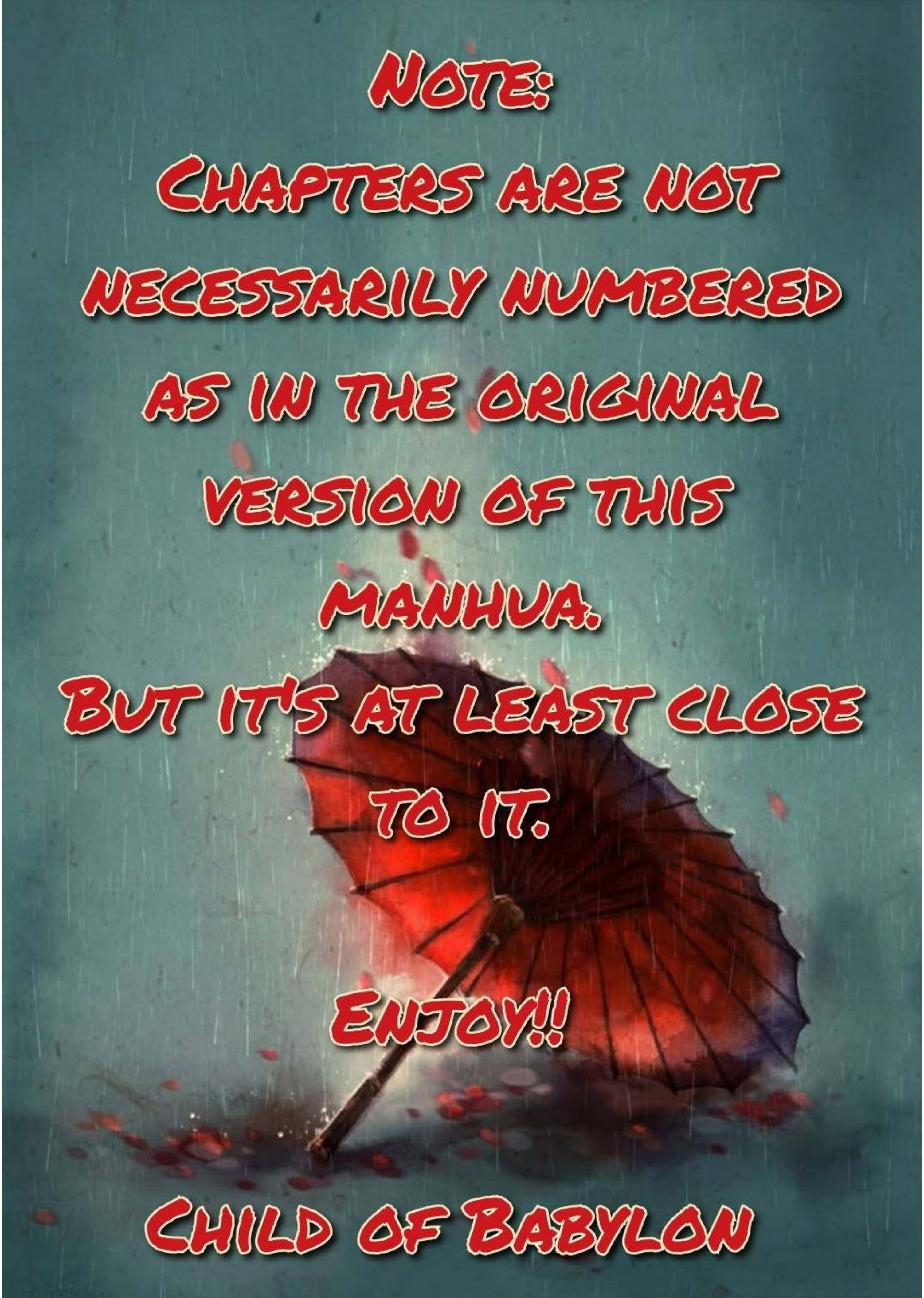
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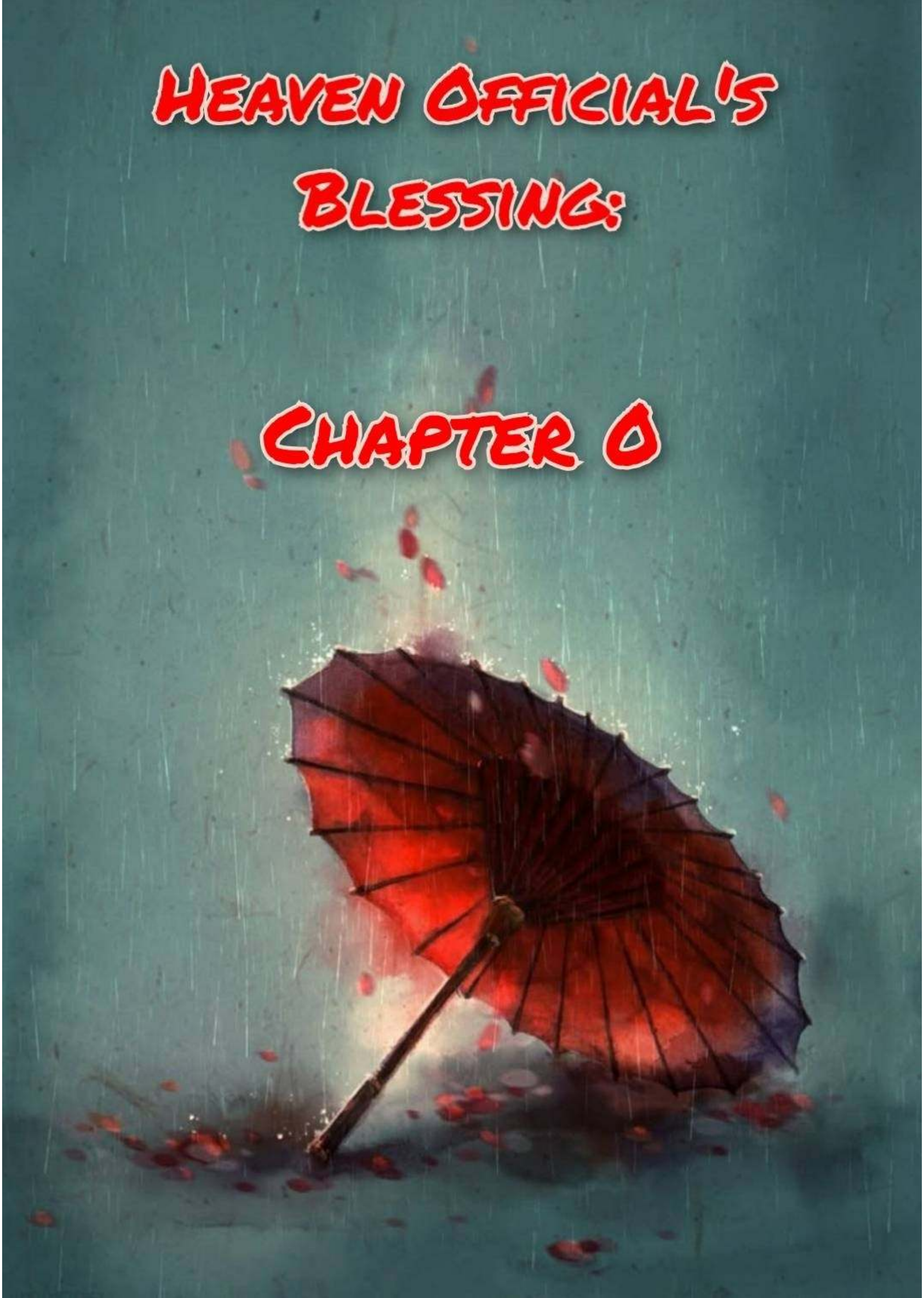
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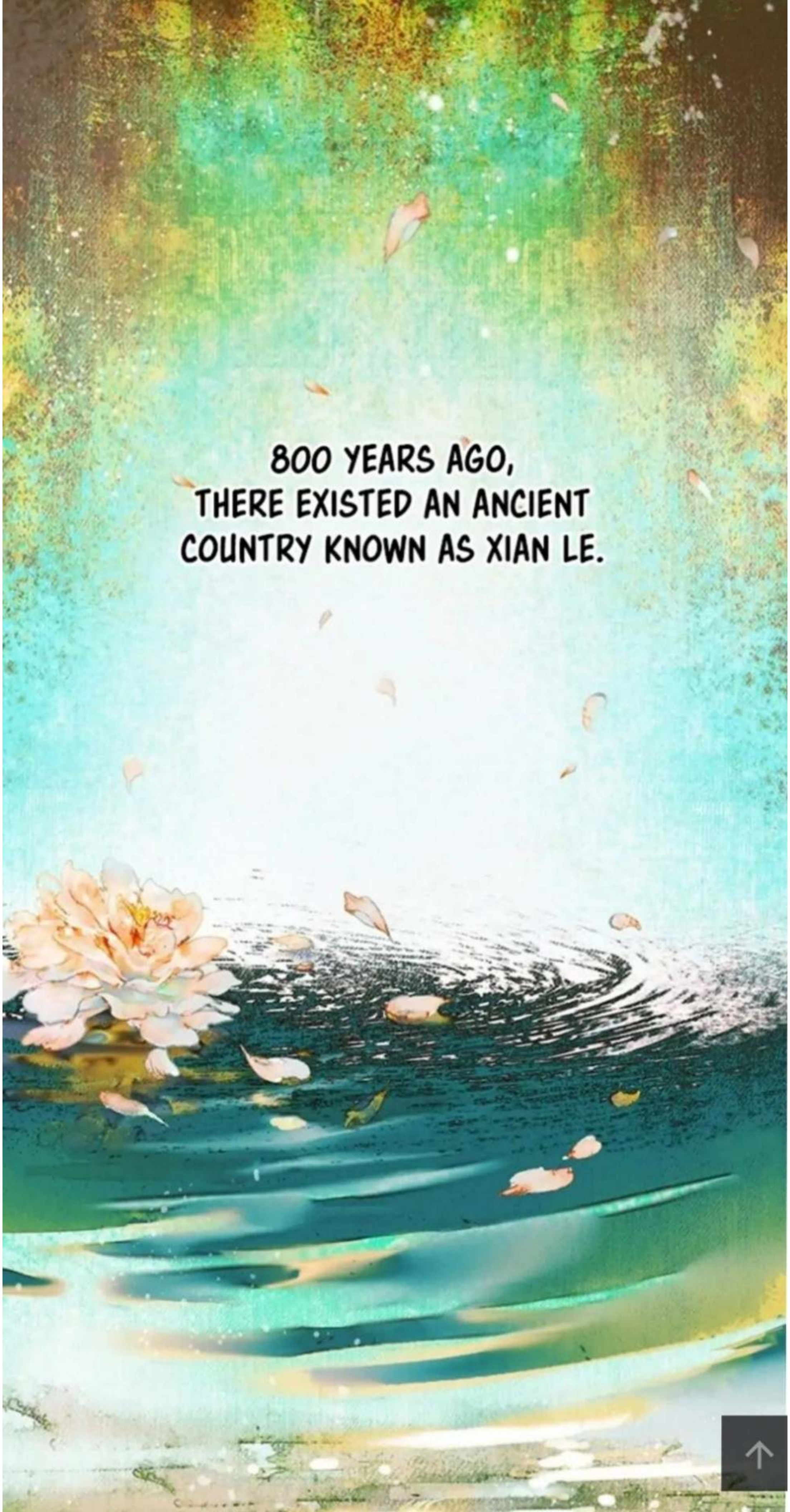
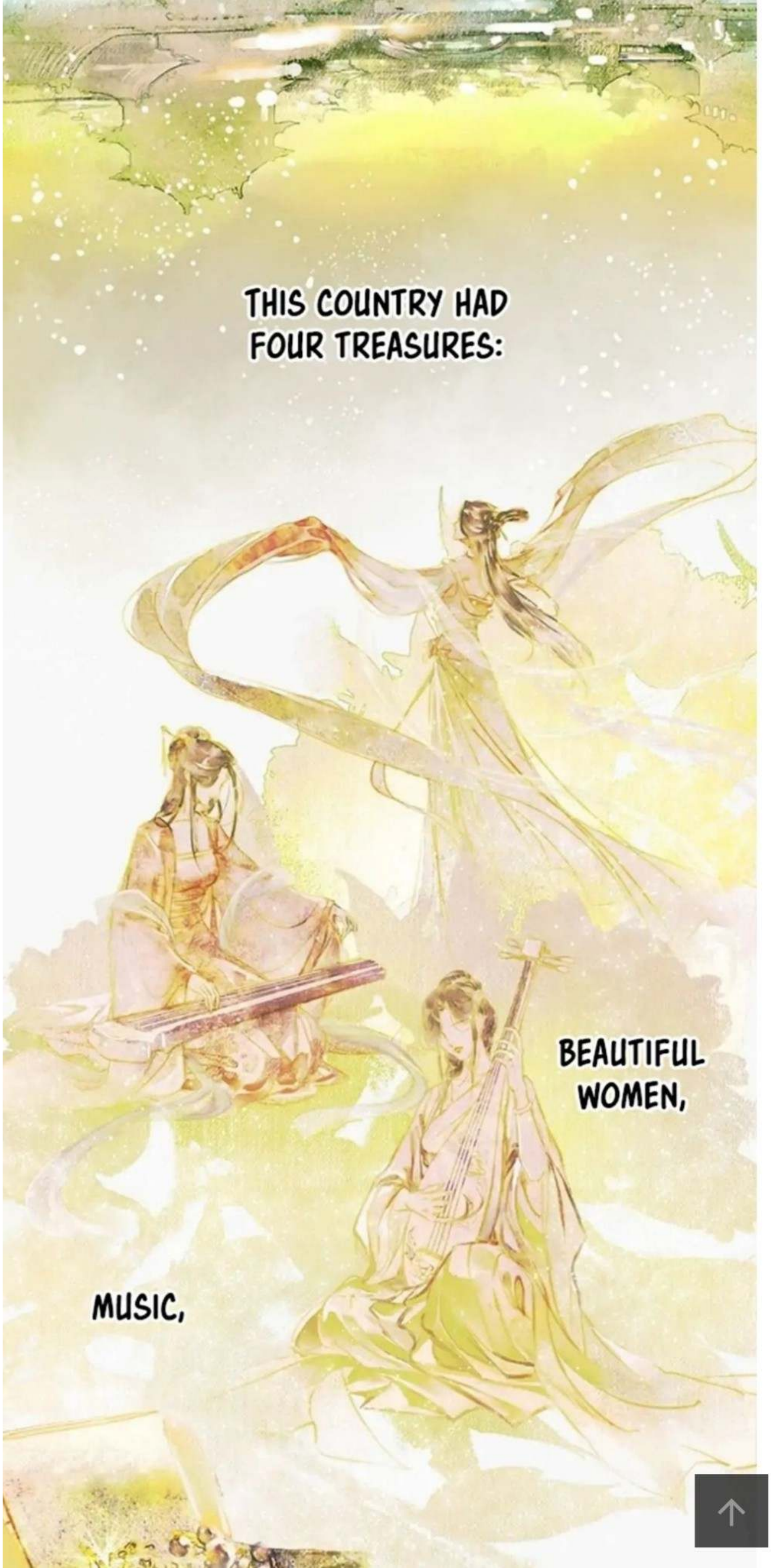
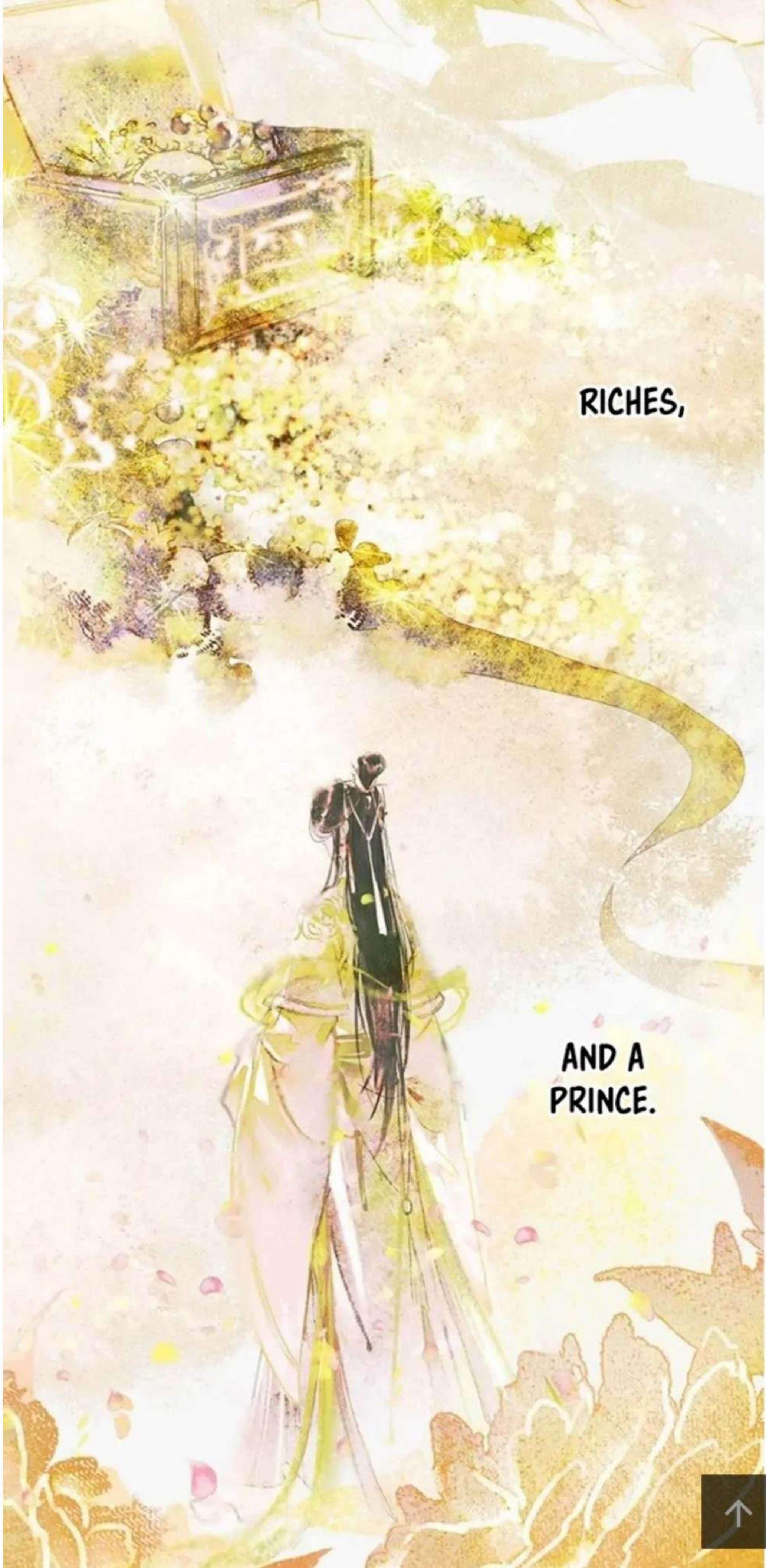
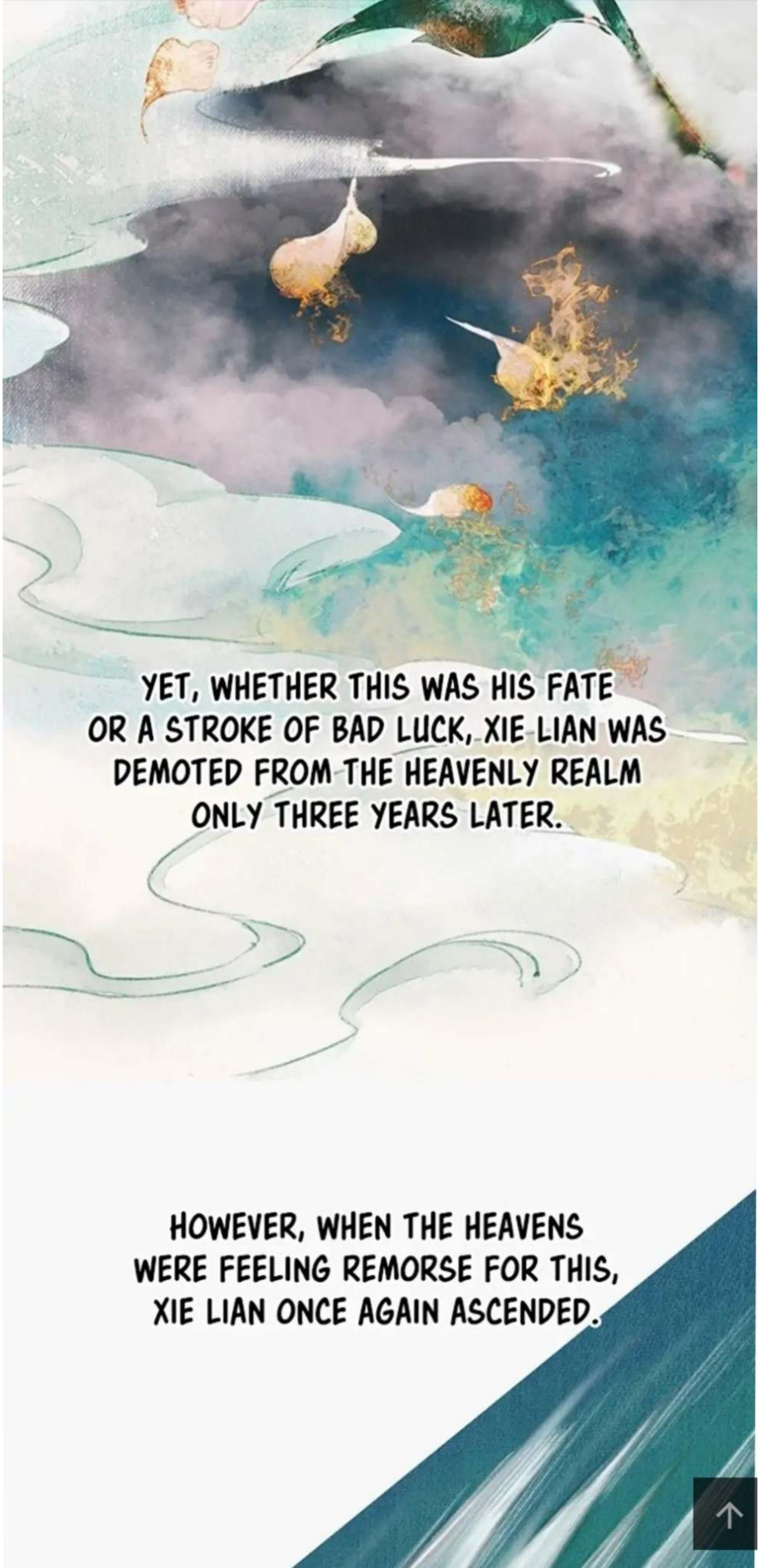

800 YEARS AGO,
THERE EXISTED AN ANCIENT
COUNTRY KNOWN AS XIAN LE.

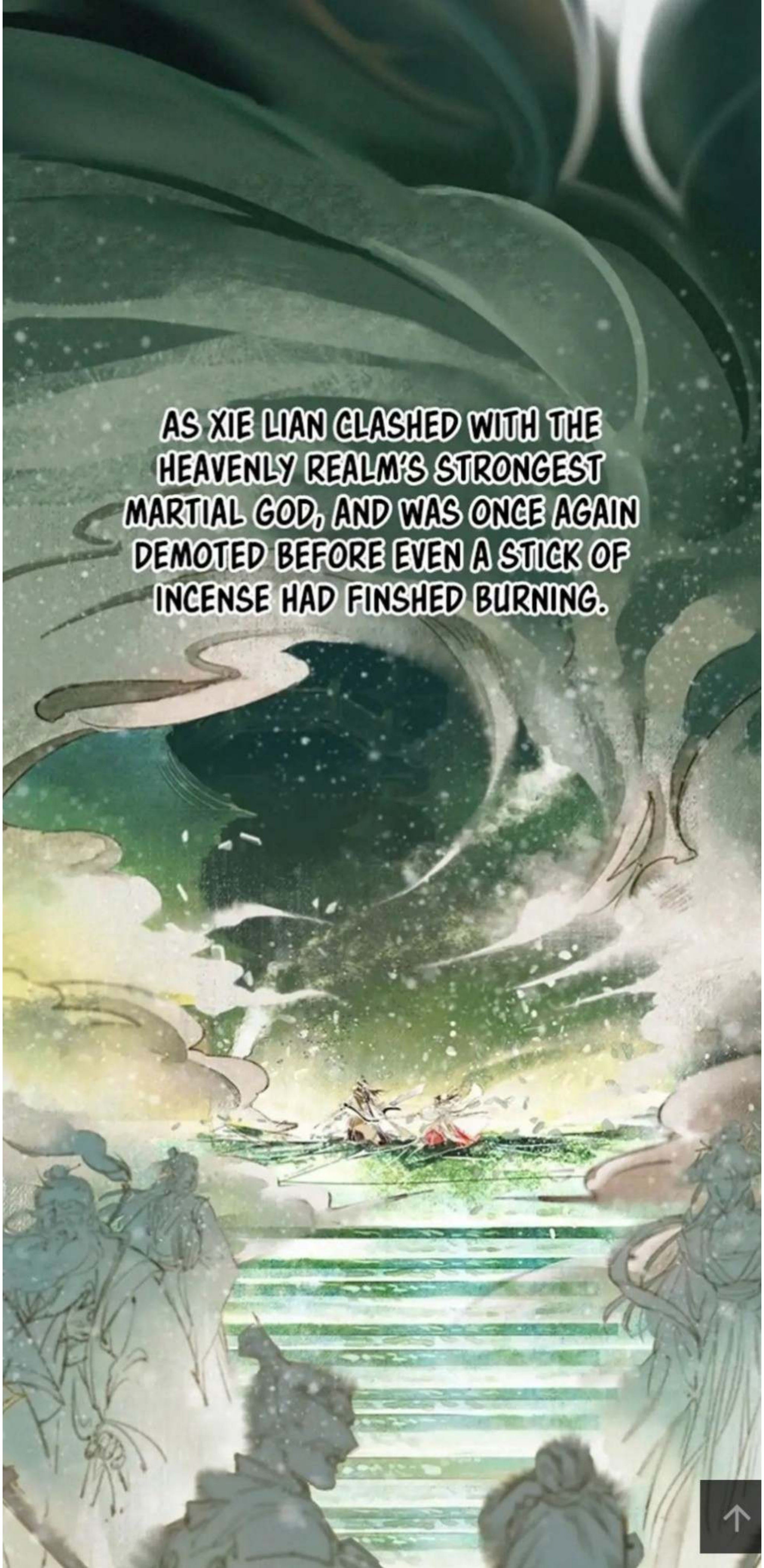

THIS COUNTRY HAD FOUR TREASURES:
BEAUTIFUL WOMEN,
MUSIC,

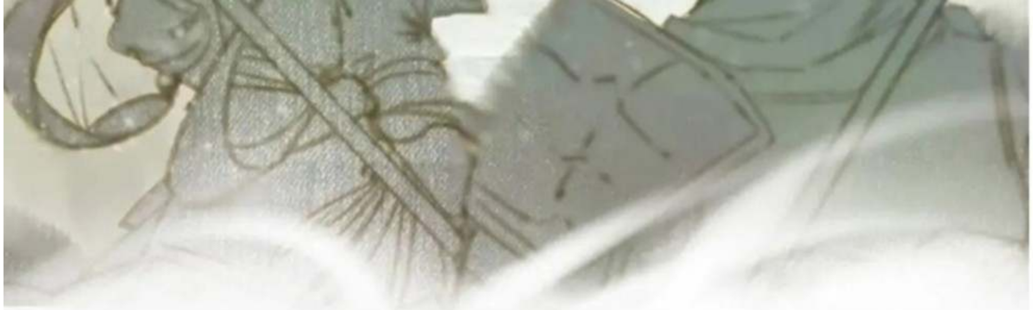

RICHES,
AND A PRINCE.

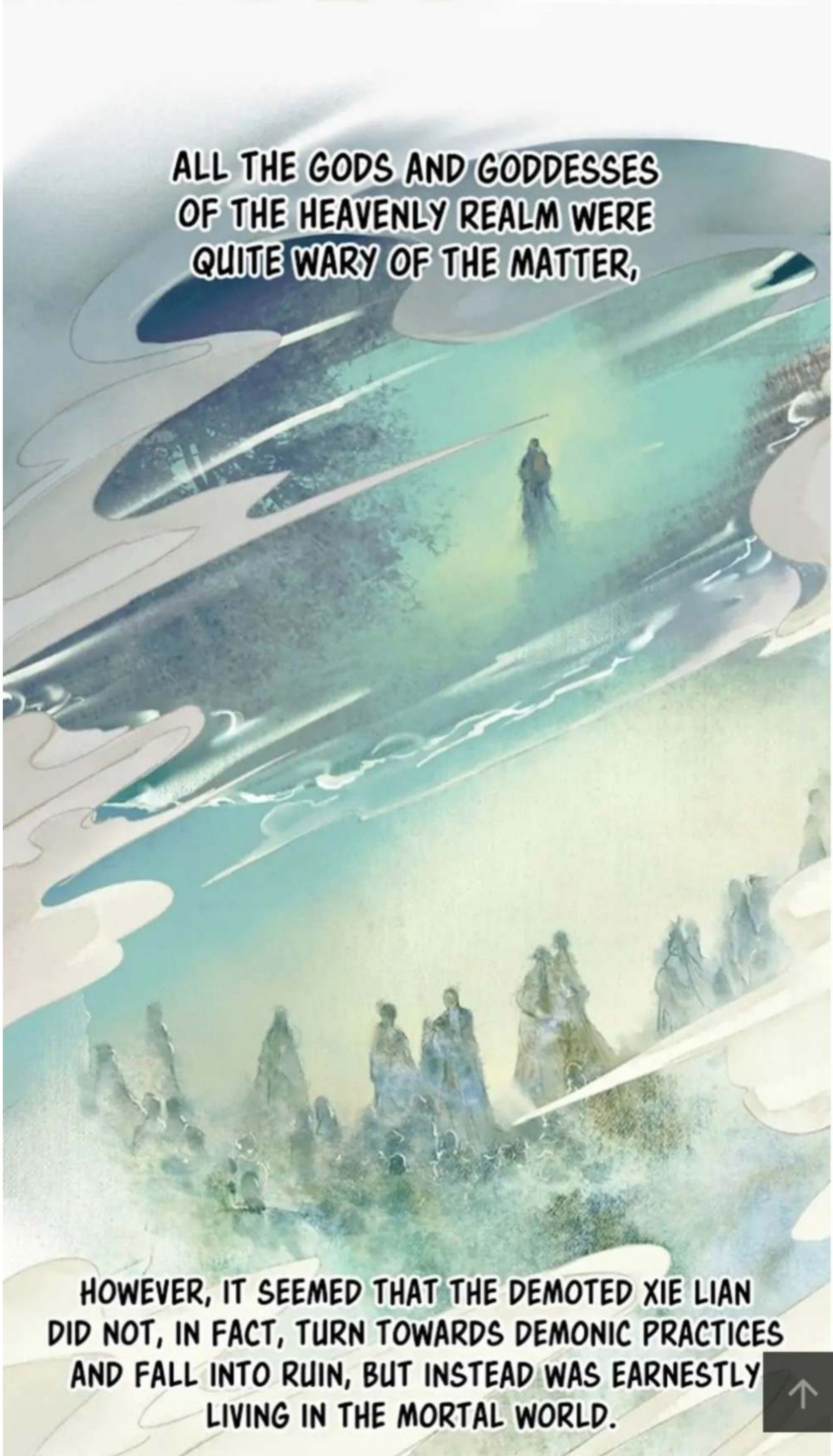
PRINCE XIE LIAN LOVED ALL LAND UNDER THE HEAVENS AND POSSESSED EXTRAORDINARY TALENT,
OVERCOMING THE HEAVENLY TRIALS AND ACHIEVING IMMORTALITY AT THE AGE OF 17.

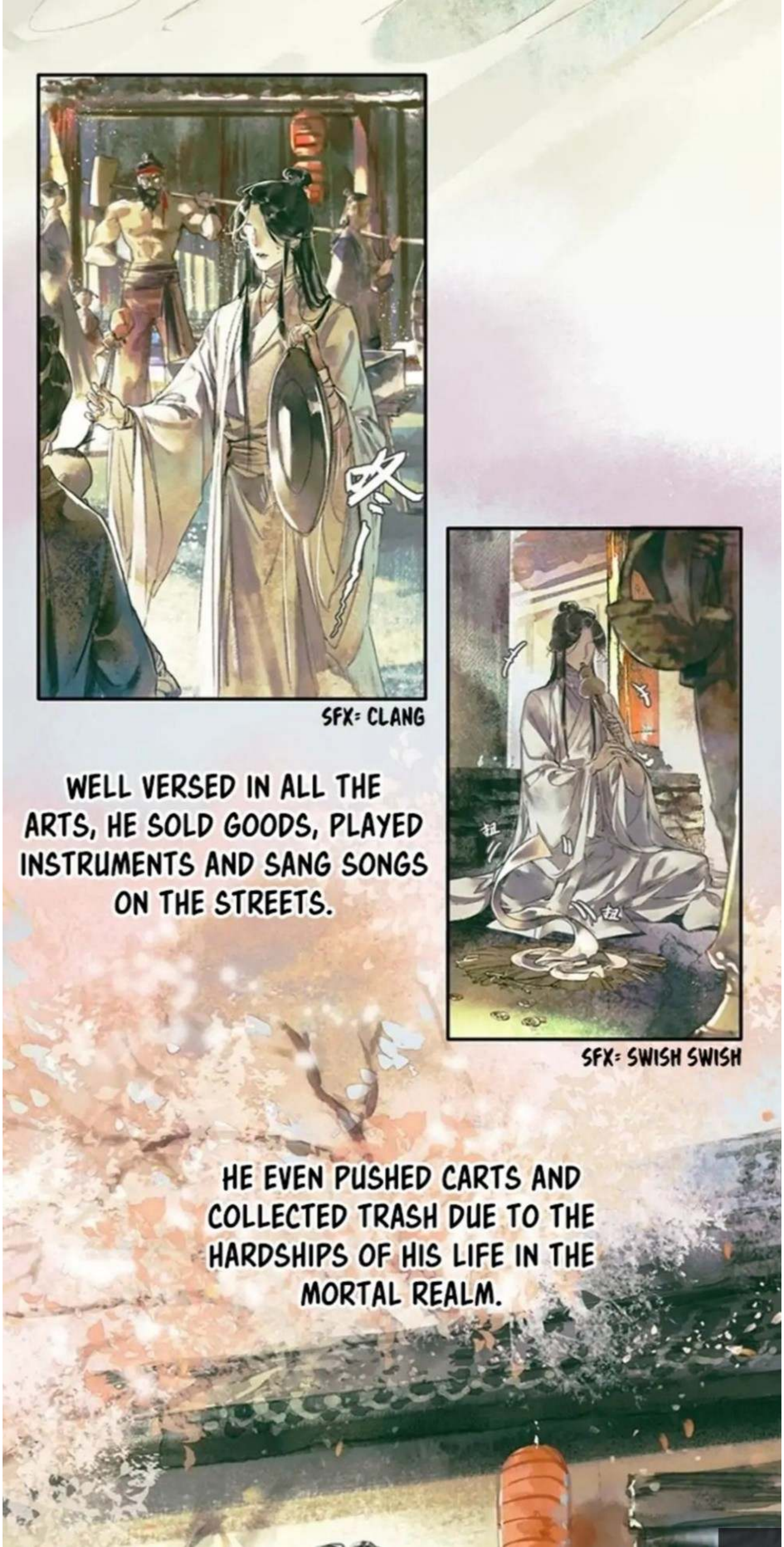

YET, WHETHER THIS WAS HIS FATE OR A STROKE OF BAD LUCK, XIE LIAN WAS DEMOTED FROM THE HEAVENLY REALM ONLY THREE YEARS LATER.
HOWEVER, WHEN THE HEAVENS WERE FEELING REMORSE FOR THIS, XIE LIAN ONCE AGAIN ASCENDED.

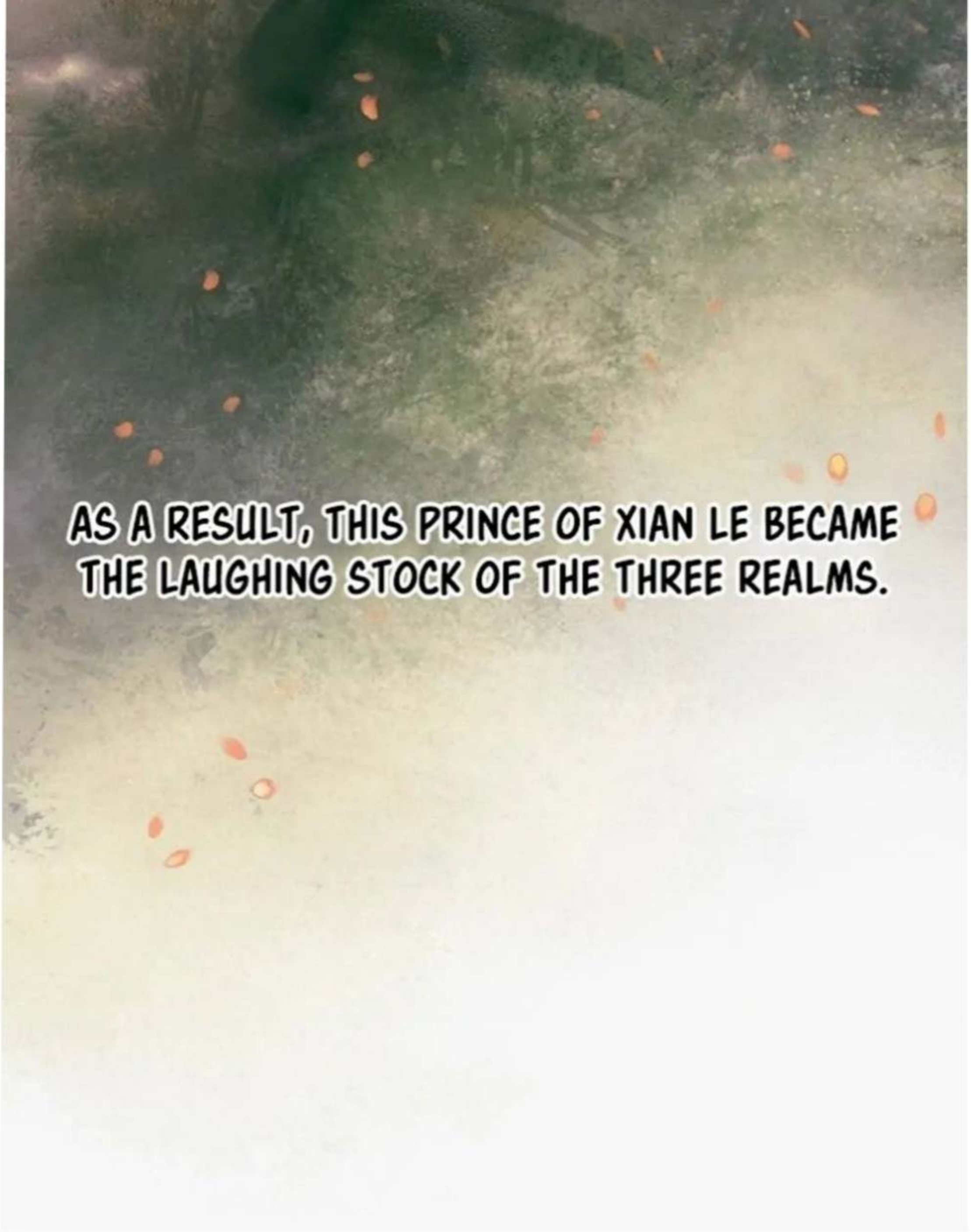
SFX: CLASH
UNFORTUNATELY, HIS SECOND ASCENSION WAS AKIN TO A JOKE,


AS XIE LIAN CLASHED WITH THE HEAVENLY REALM'S STRONGEST MARTIAL GOD, AND WAS ONCE AGAIN DEMOTED BEFORE EVEN A STICK OF INCENSE HAD FINSHED BURNING.

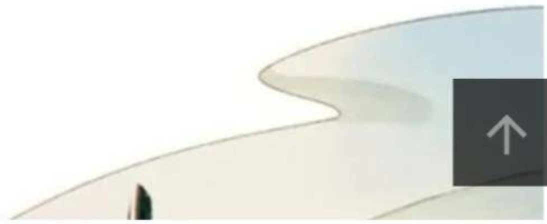


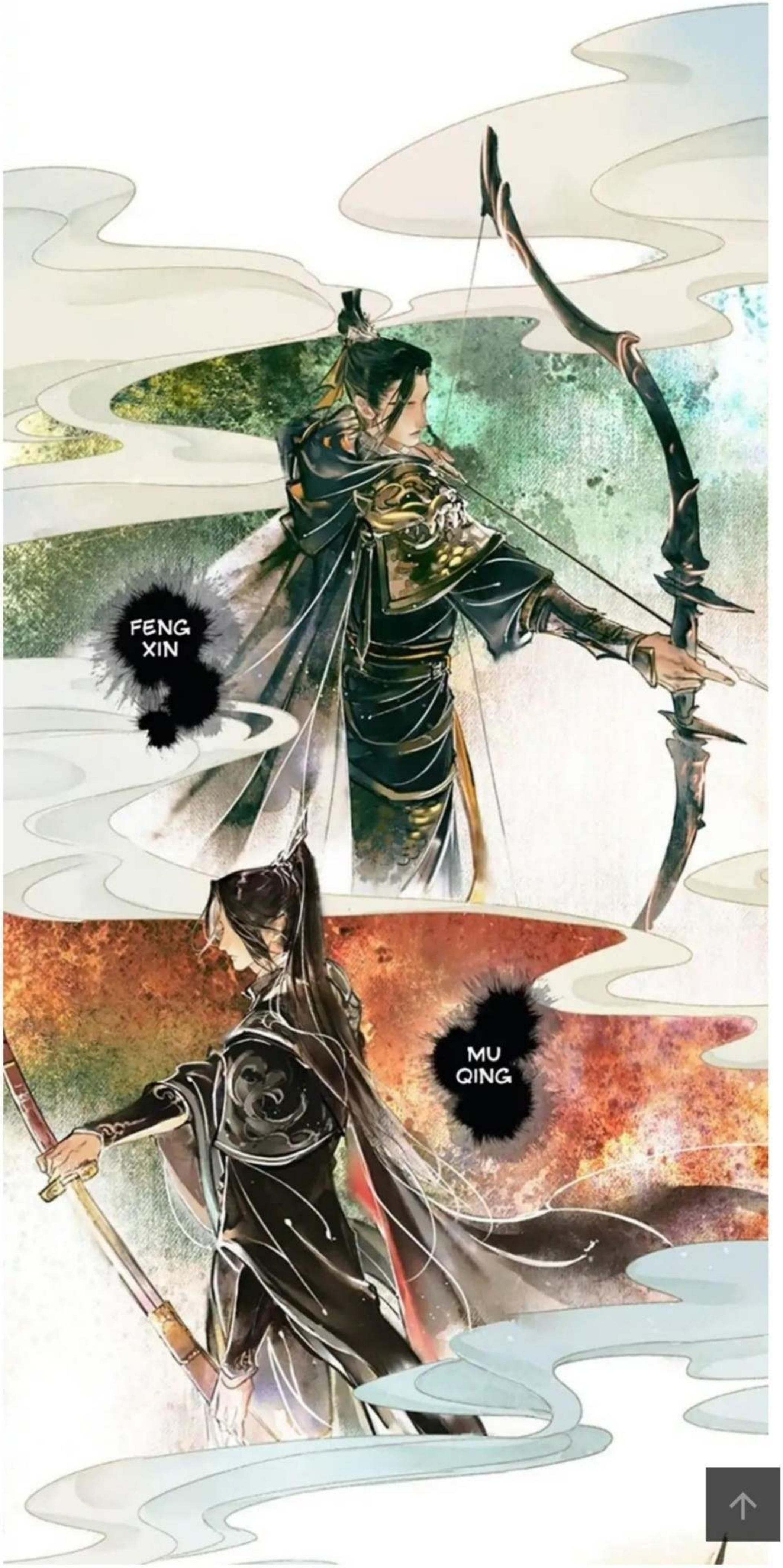

ALL THE GODS AND GODDESSES OF THE HEAVENLY REALM WERE QUITE WARY OF THE MATTER,
HOWEVER, IT SEEMED THAT THE DEMOTED XIE LIAN DID NOT, IN FACT, TURN TOWARDS DEMONIC PRACTICES AND FALL INTO RUIN, BUT INSTEAD WAS EARNESTLY LIVING IN THE MORTAL WORLD.

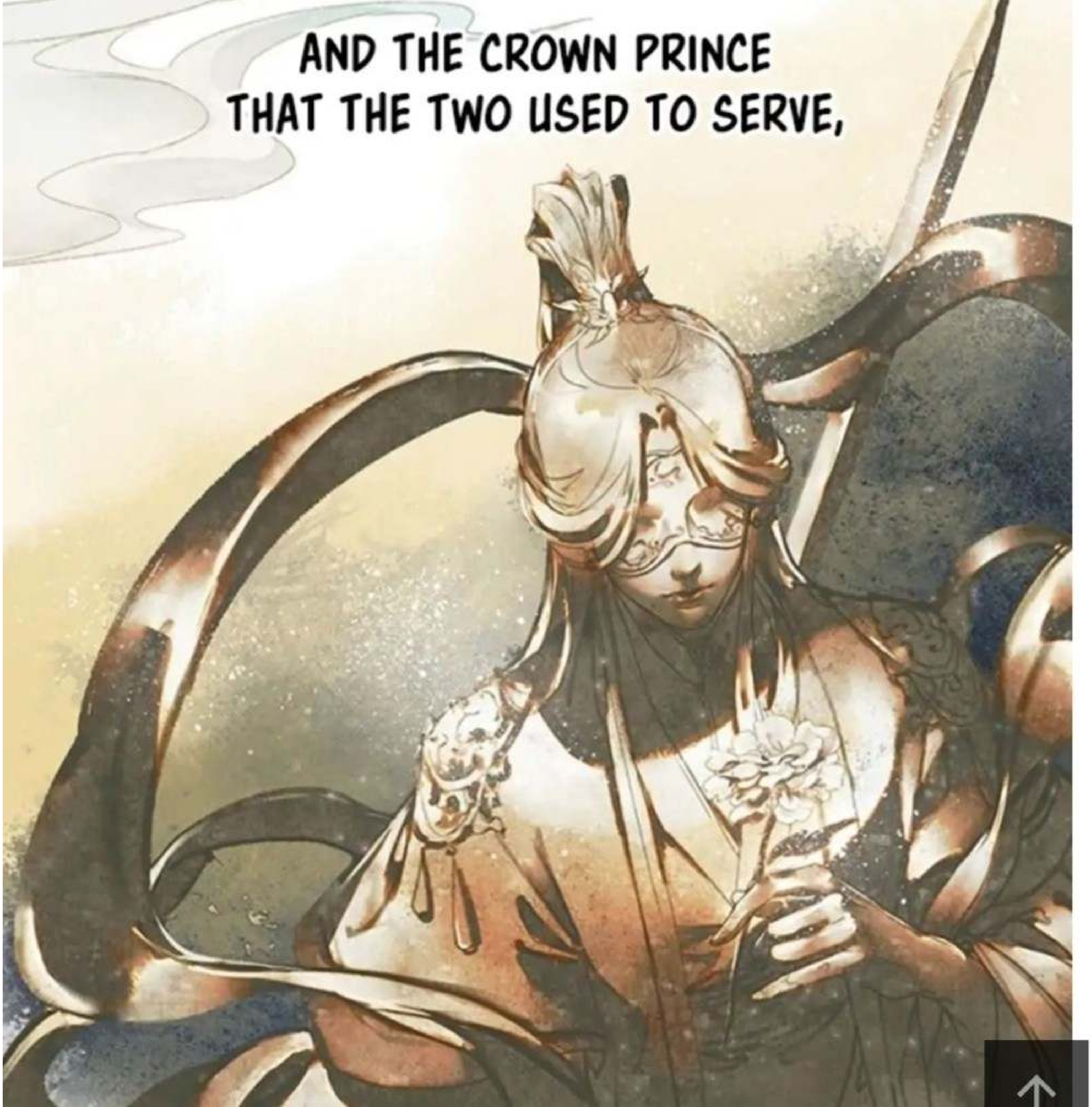

SFX: CLANG
WELL VERSED IN ALL THE ARTS, HE SOLD GOODS, PLAYED INSTRUMENTS AND SANG SONGS ON THE STREETS.
SFX: SWISH SWISH
HE EVEN PUSHED CARTS AND COLLECTED TRASH DUE TO THE HARDSHIPS OF HIS LIFE IN THE MORTAL REALM.

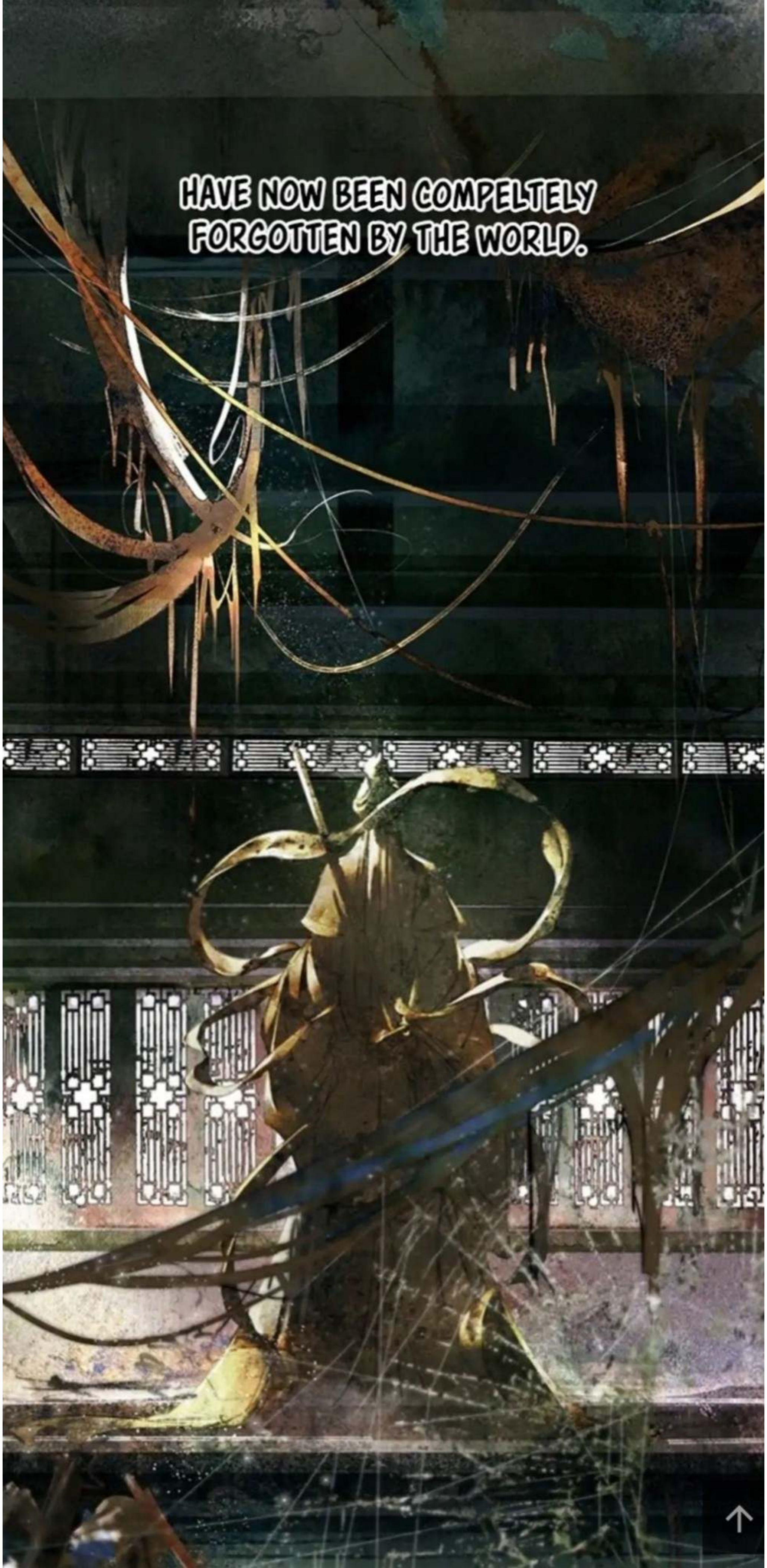


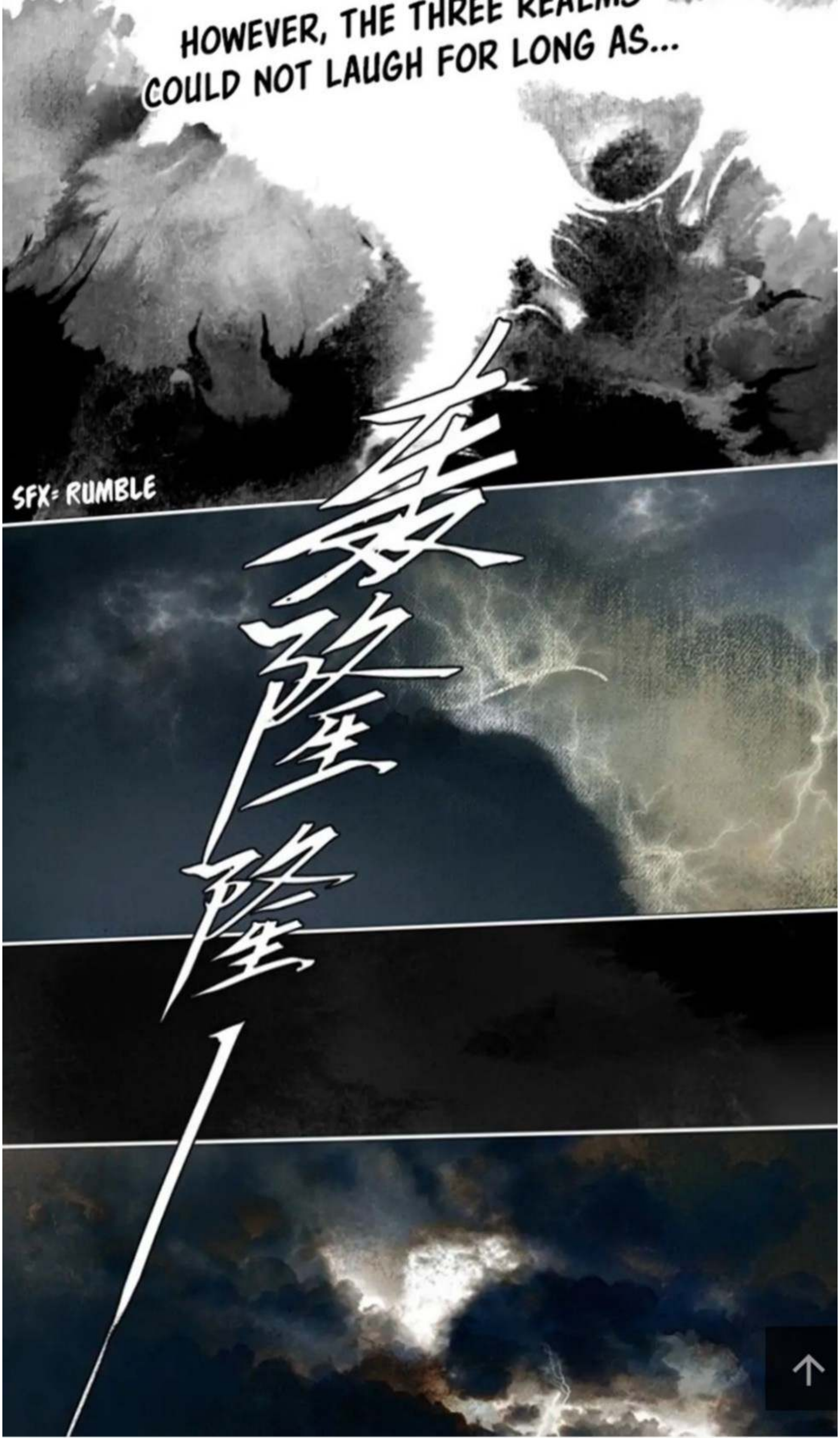
THE TWO GUARDS THAT ORIGINALLY SERVED XIE LIAN BEFORE HIS ASCENSION TO IMMORTALITY ALSO ASCENED AND BECAME GUARDIAN MARTIAL GODS OF THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE REGIONS.

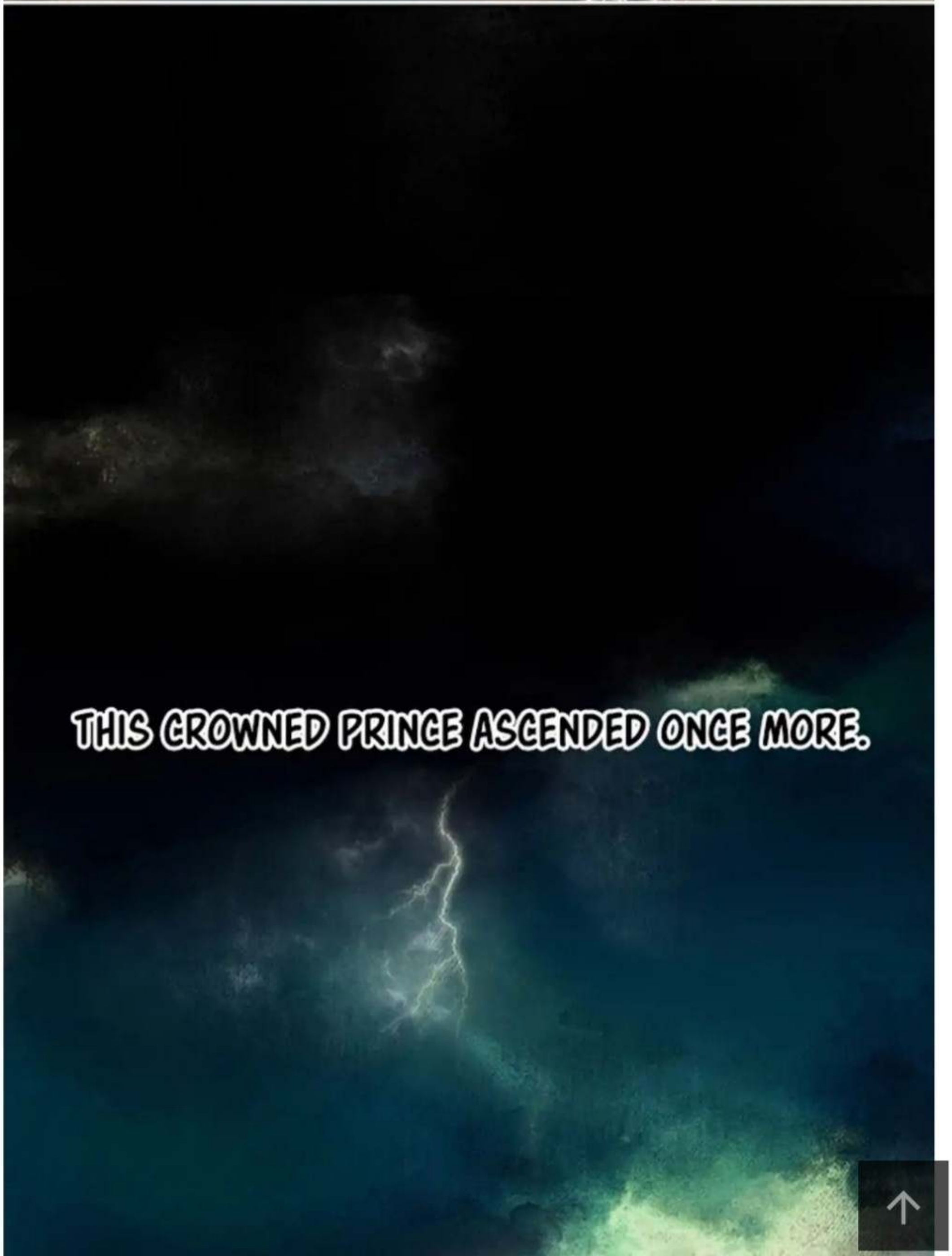



FENG XIN
MU QING


AND THE CROWN PRINCE
THAT THE TWO USED TO SERVE,


HAVE NOW BEEN COMPELTELY FORGOTTEN BY THE WORLD.


HOWEVER, THE THREE
COULD NOT LAUGH FOR LONG AS...
SFX= RUMBLE
轰隆隆


THIS CROWNED PRINCE ASCENDED ONCE MORE.

喀嚓—
SFX= BOOM

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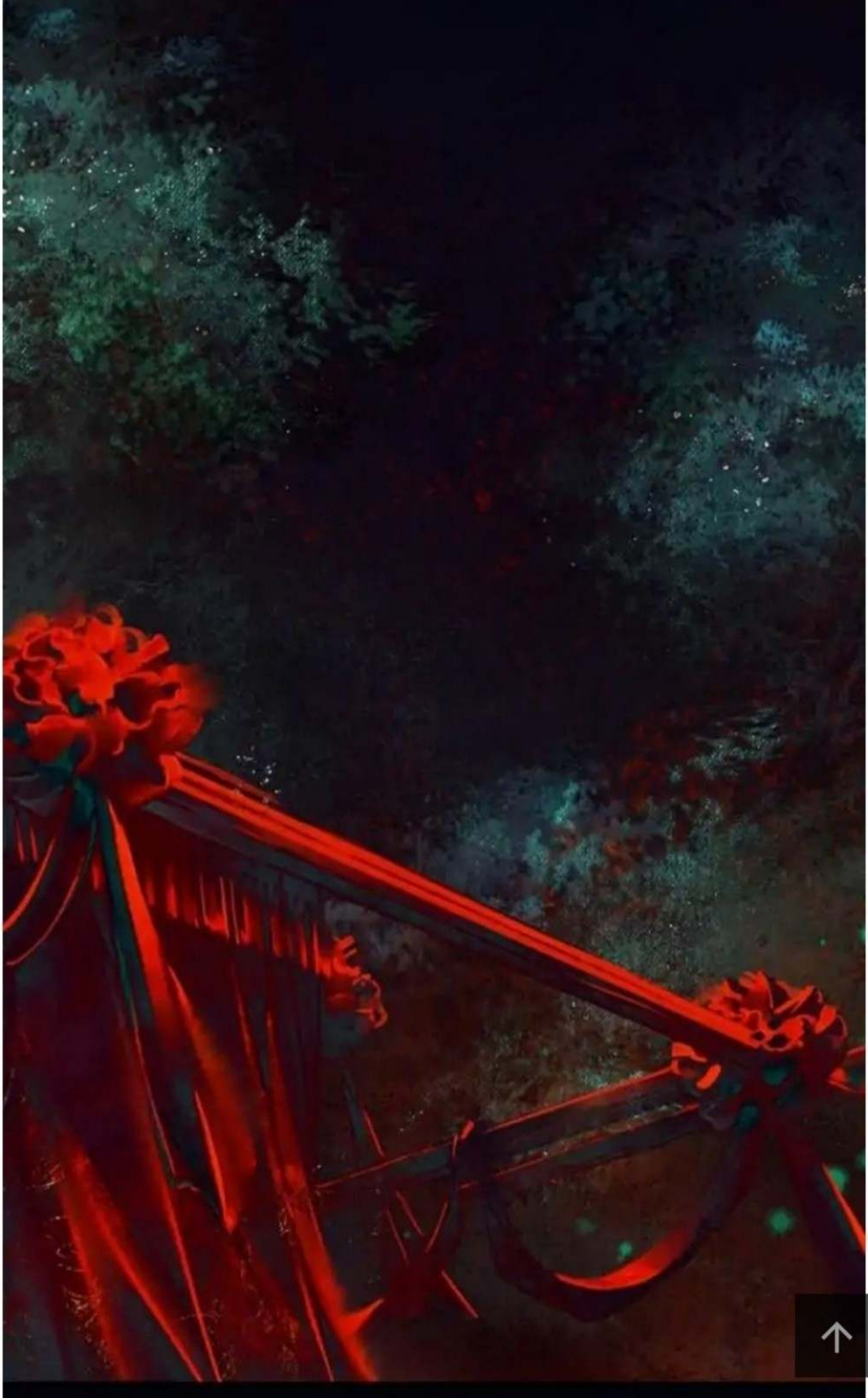
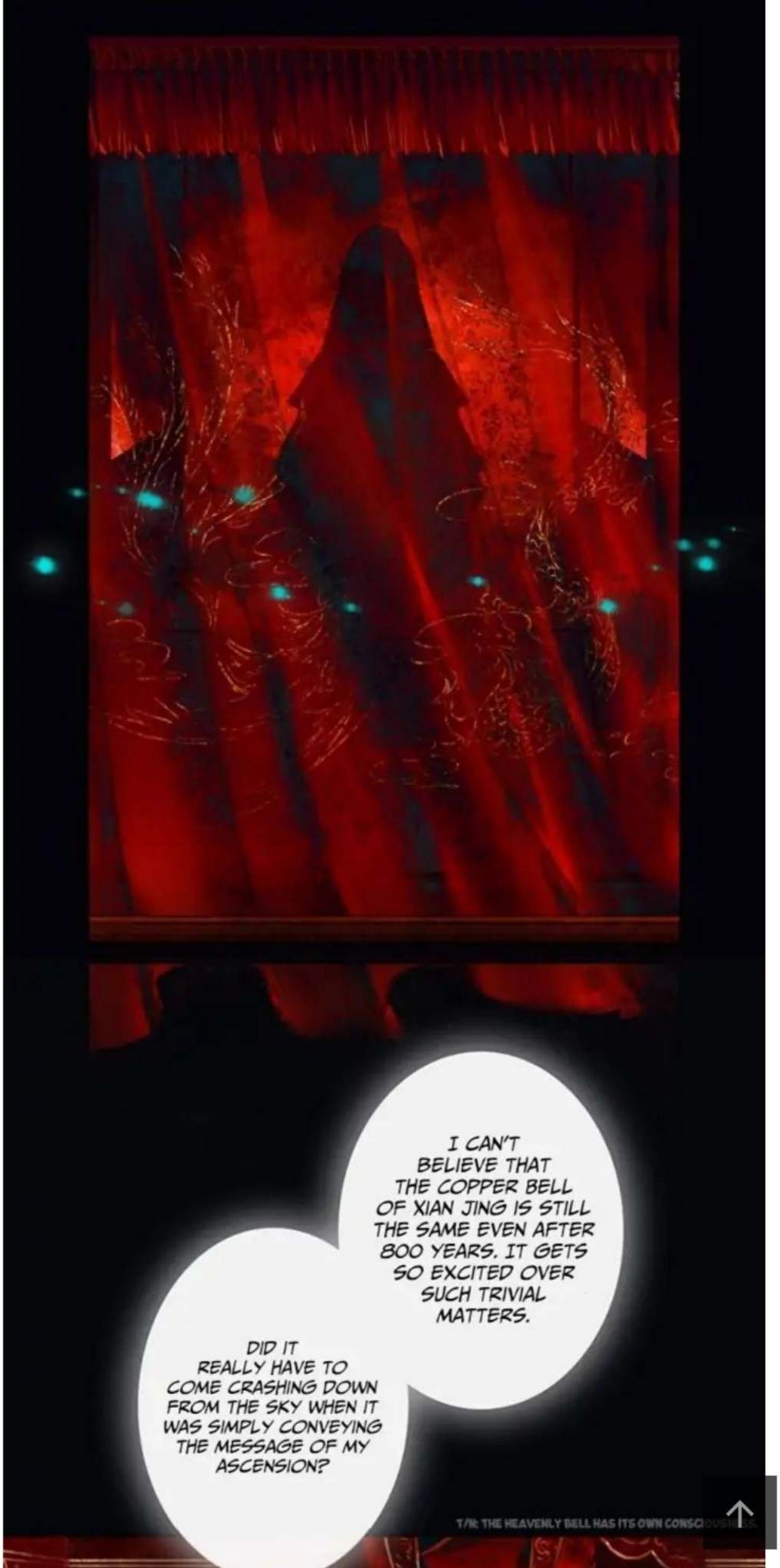
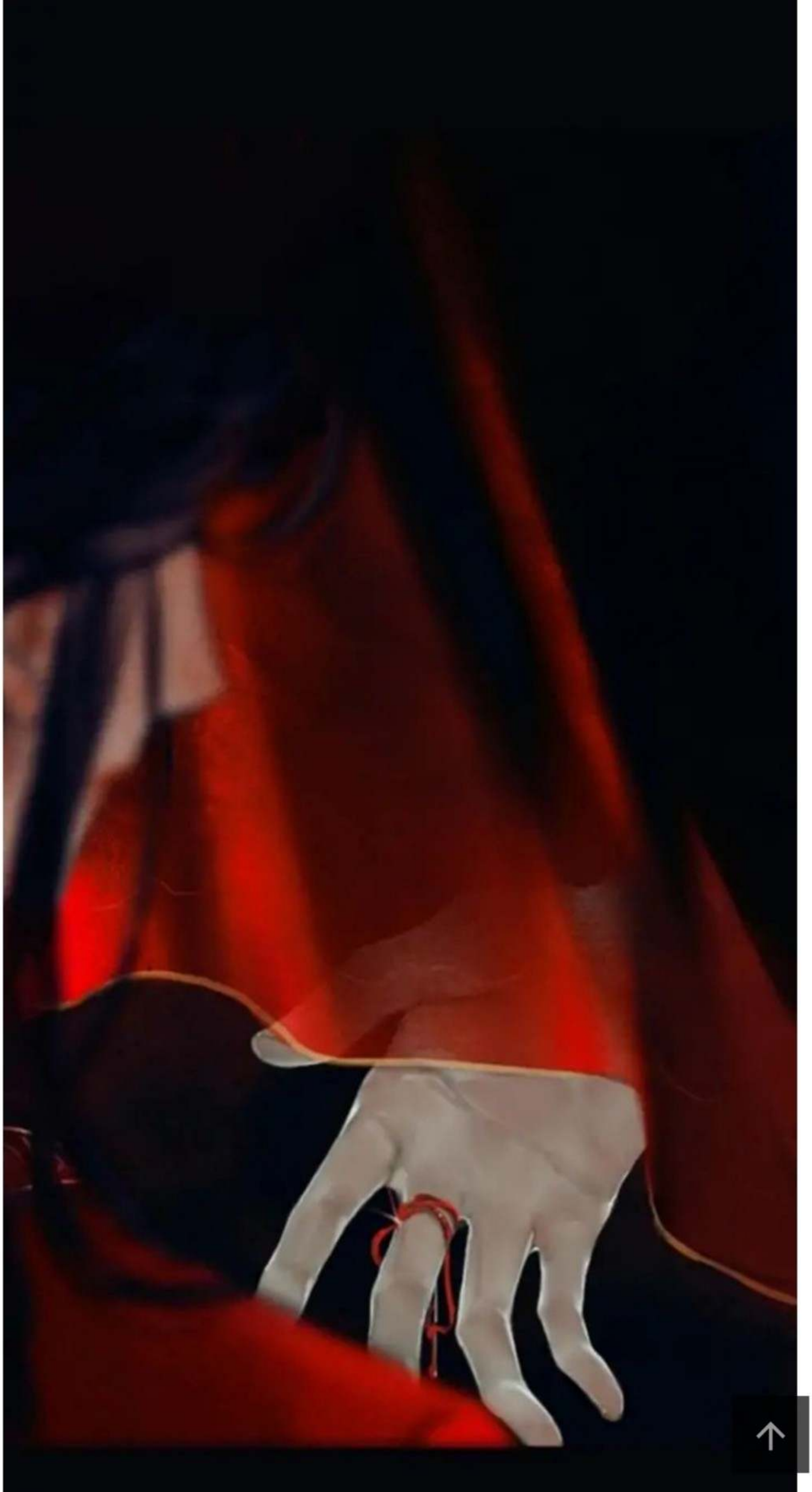
YU JUN MOUNTAIN




I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THE COPPER BELL OF XIAN JING IS STILL THE SAME EVEN AFTER 800 YEARS. IT GETS SO EXCITED OVER SUCH TRIVIAL MATTERS.
DID IT REALLY HAVE TO COME CRASHING DOWN FROM THE SKY WHEN IT WAS SIMPLY CONVEYING THE MESSAGE OF MY ASCENSION?
T/N: THE HEAVENLY BELL HAS ITS OWN CONSCIOUSNESS.

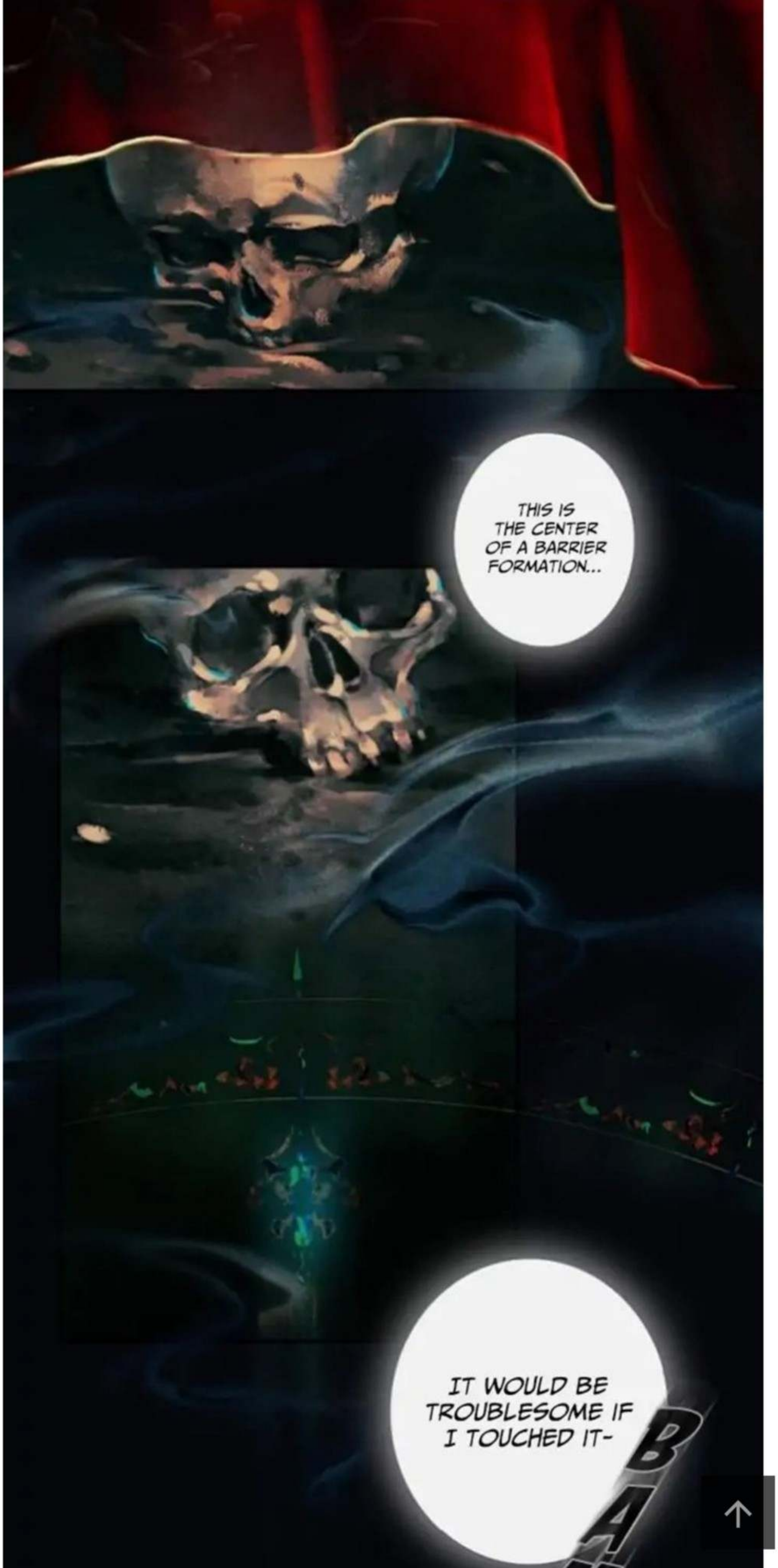
JUST WONDERFUL. NOT ONLY DID IT FALL ON A HEAVENLY OFFICIAL, IT ALSO DESTROYED SOMEONE'S RESIDENCE. THIS TIME, MY ASCENSION LEFT ME OWING 8.8 MILLION GOOD DEEDS...
GEEZ, I HOPE I CAN REDUCE SOME OF MY DEBT BY CATCHING THIS "GHOST GROOM".
HEHE...

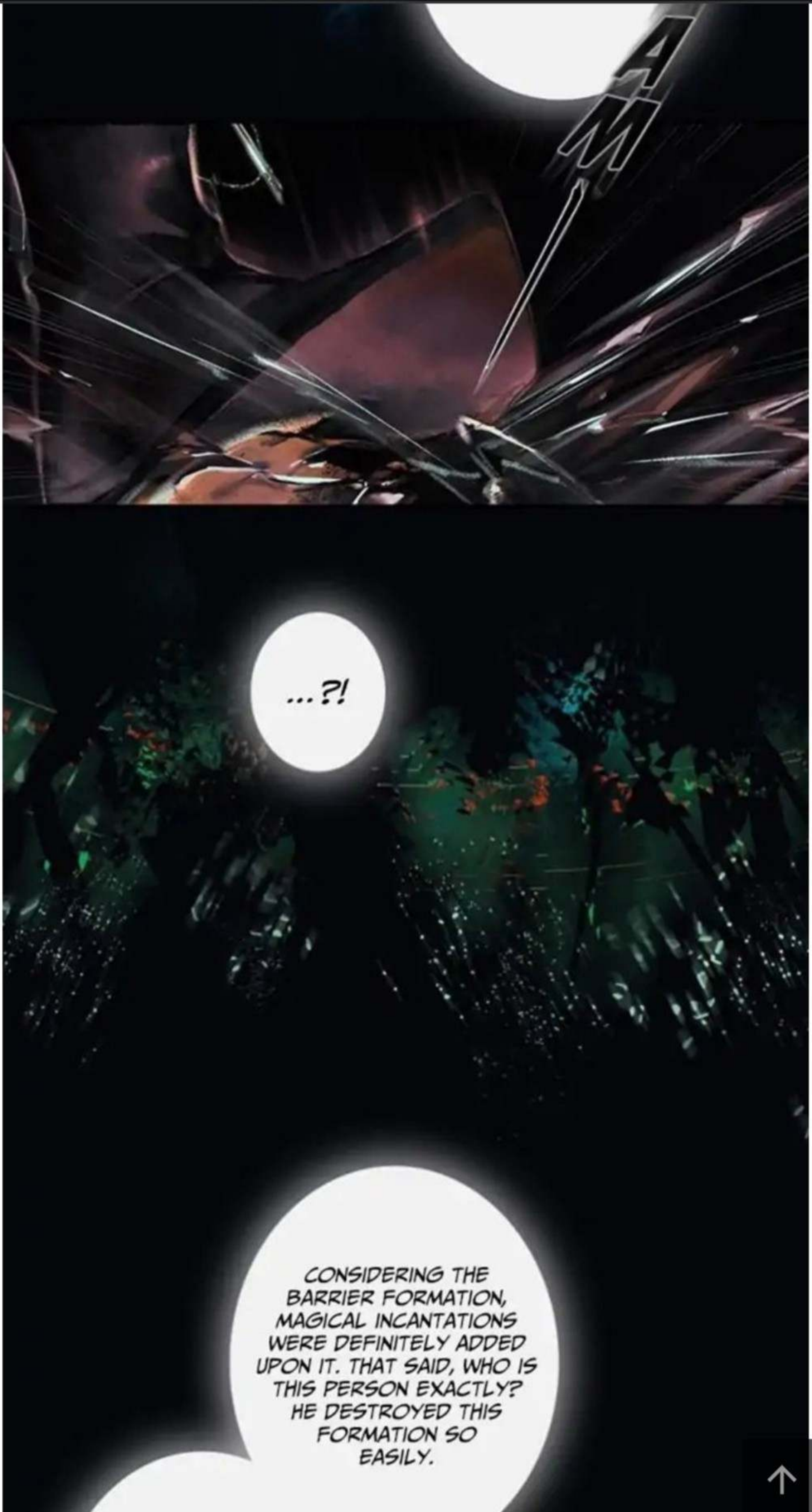


JINGLE
JINGLE

JINGLE
IS THIS HIM?
IS THIS THE "GHOST GROOM" THAT SNATCHED AWAY 17 BRIDES FROM THE YU JUN MOUNTAIN AREA? THE ONE WHO IS RANKED AS "CRUEL" AMONGST THE 4 RANKINGS OF "DEMONIC", "VICIOUS", "CRUEL", AND "RUTHLESS" FOR EVIL SPIRITS?

UNFORTUNATELY, MY CULTIVATION POWERS ARE EXTREMELY WEAK RIGHT NOW, AND I'M NOT SURE IF NAN FENG AND FU YAO CAN GO UP AGAINST HIM...
HM?


THIS IS THE CENTER OF A BARRIER FORMATION...
IT WOULD BE TROUBLESOME IF I TOUCHED IT-
BA


...?!
CONSIDERING THE BARRIER FORMATION, MAGICAL INCANTATIONS WERE DEFINITELY ADDED UPON IT. THAT SAID, WHO IS THIS PERSON EXACTLY? HE DESTROYED THIS FORMATION SO EASILY.

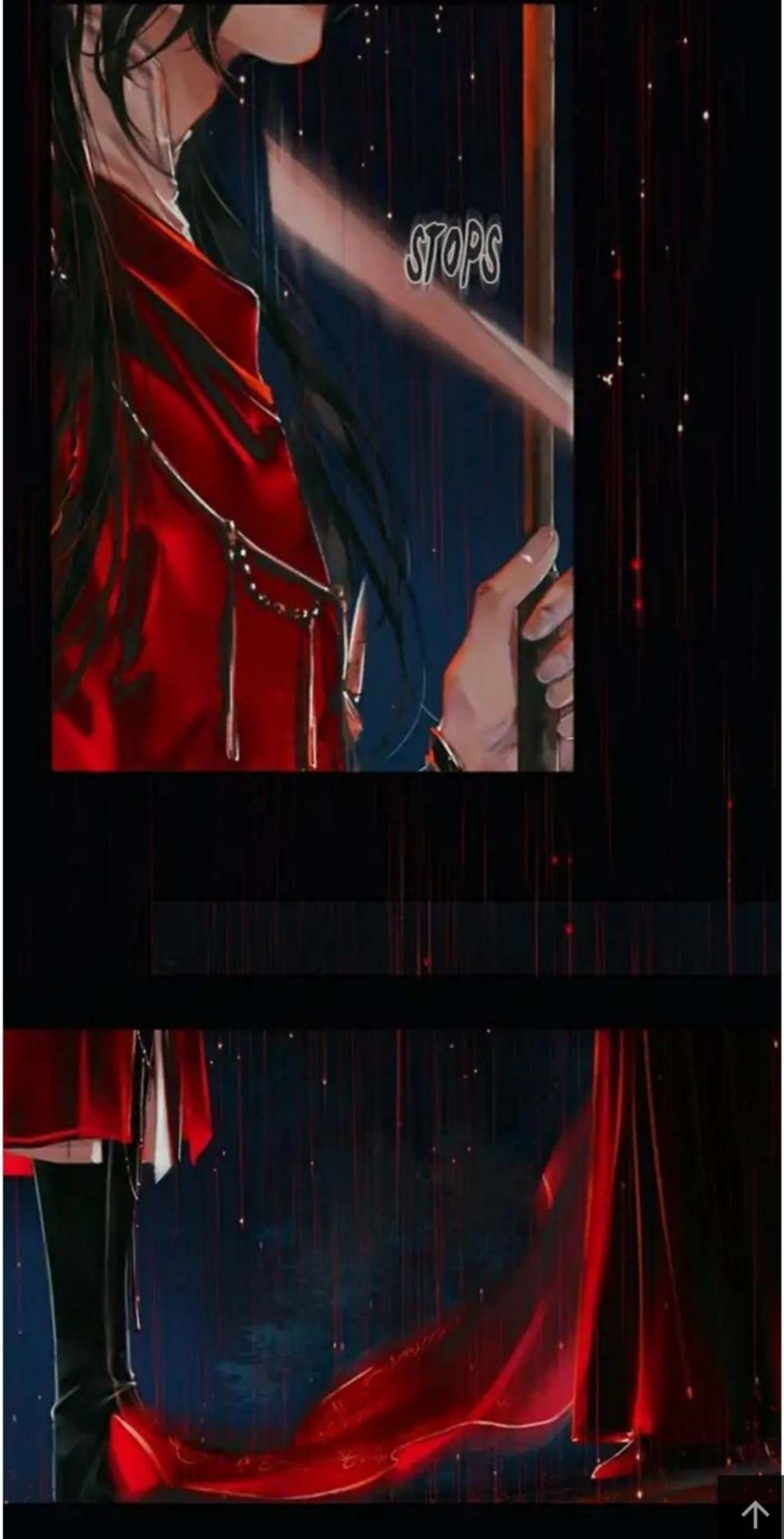
IS IT THE GHOST GROOM- IT CAN'T BE. IF IT WAS HIM, WHY WOULD HE DESTROY HIS OWN FORMATION?
WOOO

!!
LOOSENS

BOOM
PITTER

...IS IT RAINING?
PATTER
LIFT
FWOOSH!!

T/N: IT'S XIE LIAN'S SILK BANDAGE WEAPON MOVING BTW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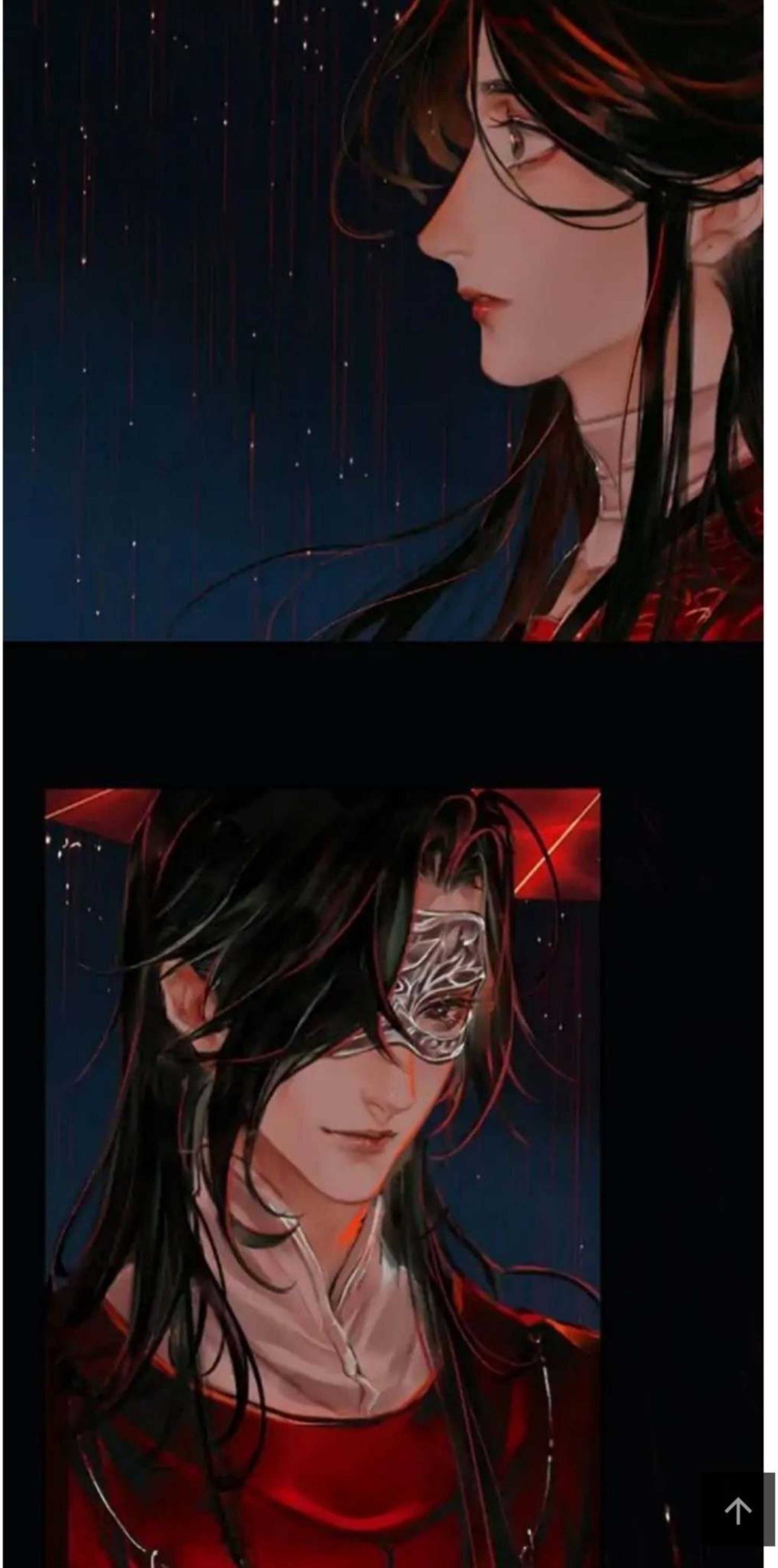
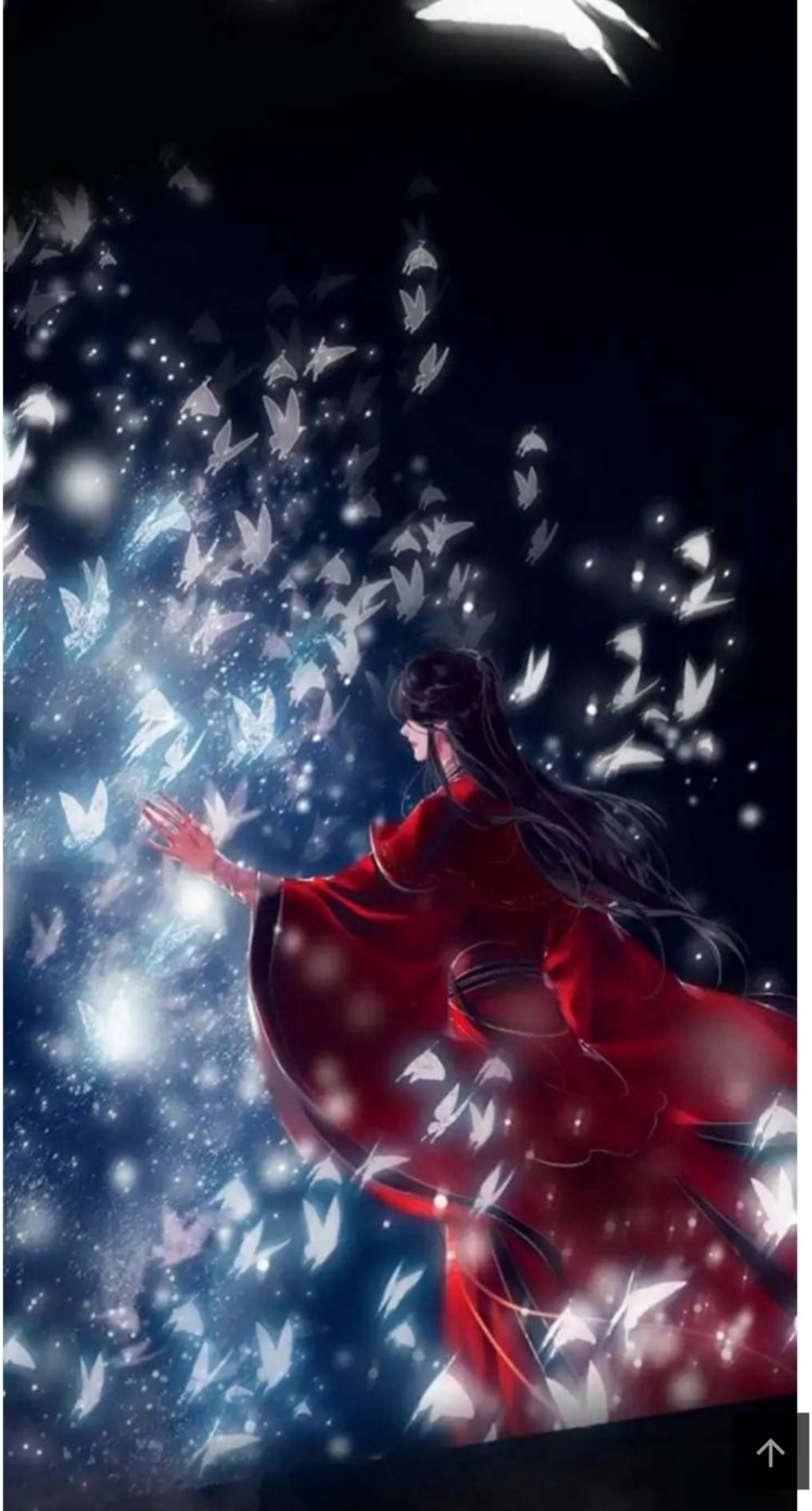


DRIP
DROP

WE'RE HERE.

WHOOSH



MING GUANG TEMPLE

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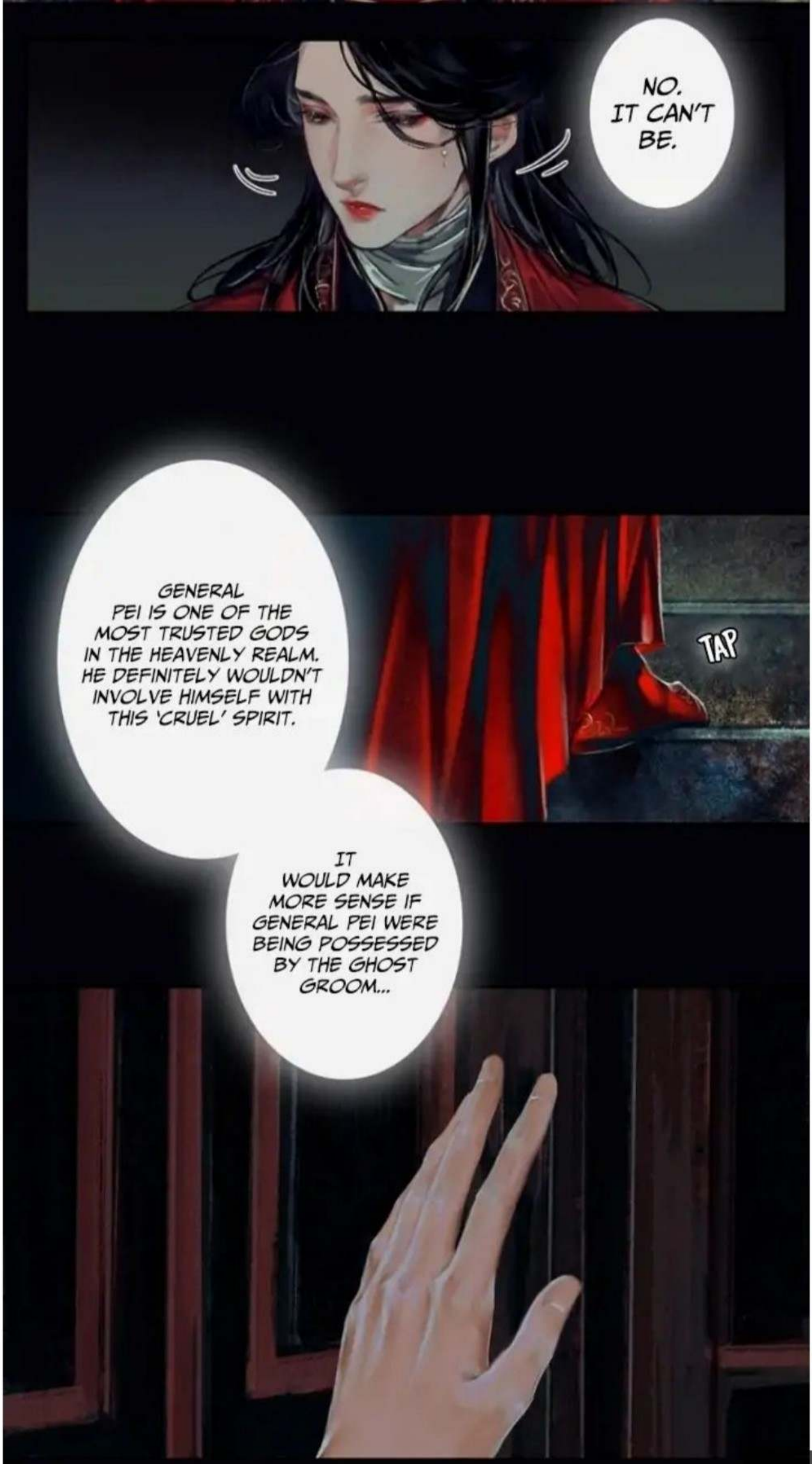
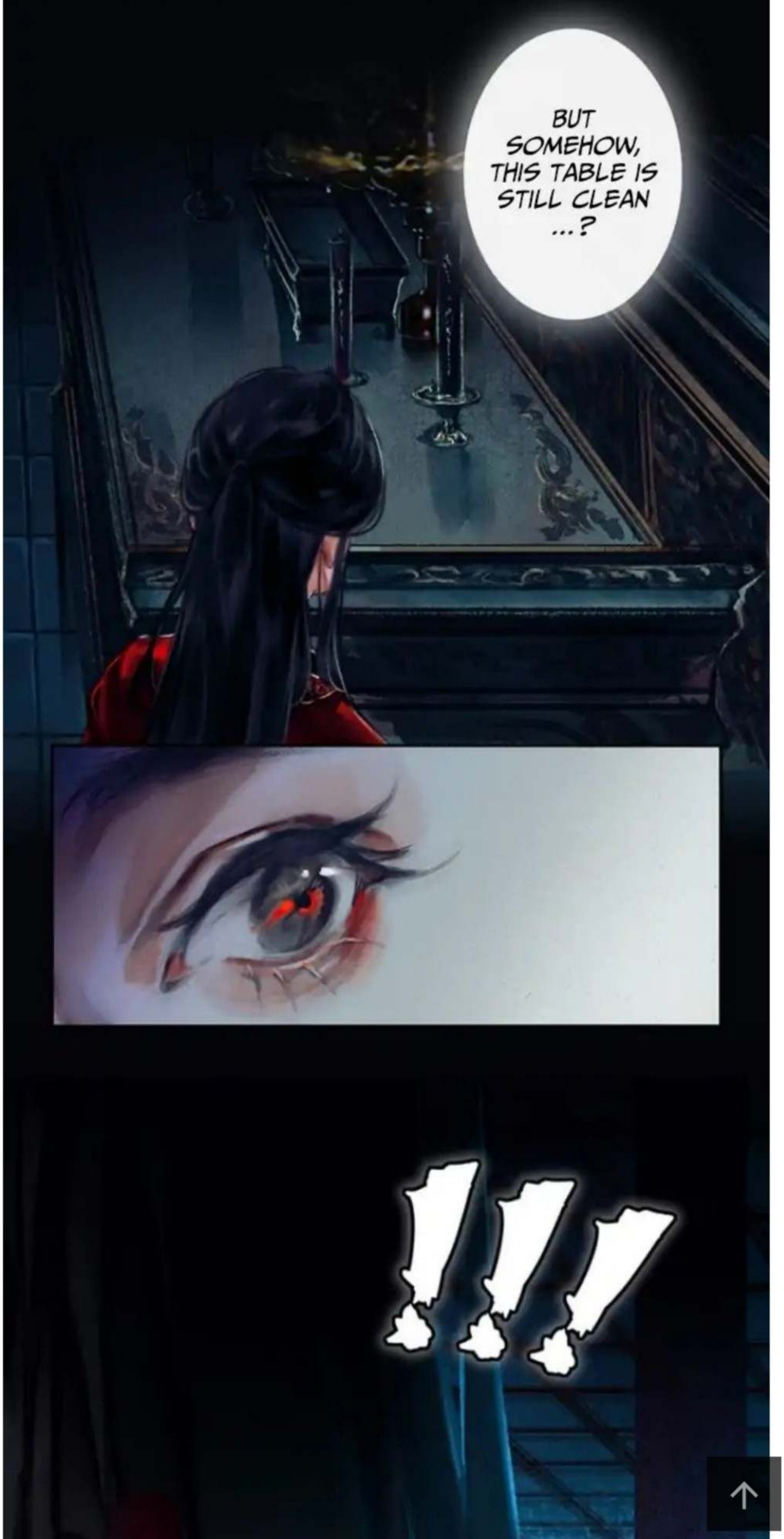
Chapter 2

MING GUANG TEMPLE
THIS IS THE TEMPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARTIAL GOD, GENERAL PEI MING! BUT WHY IS IT HERE, ON YU JUN MOUNTAIN? WAIT-
COULD IT BE THAT GENERAL PEI AND THE GHOST GROOM ARE WORKING TOGETHER?


NO. IT CAN'T BE.
GENERAL PEI IS ONE OF THE MOST TRUSTED GODS IN THE HEAVENLY REALM. HE DEFINITELY WOULDN'T INVOLVE HIMSELF WITH THIS 'CRUEL' SPIRIT.
TAP
IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE IF GENERAL PEI WERE BEING POSSESSED BY THE GHOST GROOM...

ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION FROM LING WEN TEMPLE, CONSTRUCTING ANOTHER MING GUANG TEMPLE NEAR YU JUN MOUNTAIN IS NOT POSSIBLE. A NEW TEMPLE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GO UP IN FLAMES. IT'S HARD TO SAY BUT IT MIGHT BE DUE TO THE MISCHIEF OF OTHERS OR THE HAUNTING OF AN EVIL SPIRIT.
CREAK

COVER
IT REEKS OF CORPSES...


BUT SOMEHOW, THIS TABLE IS STILL CLEAN ...?
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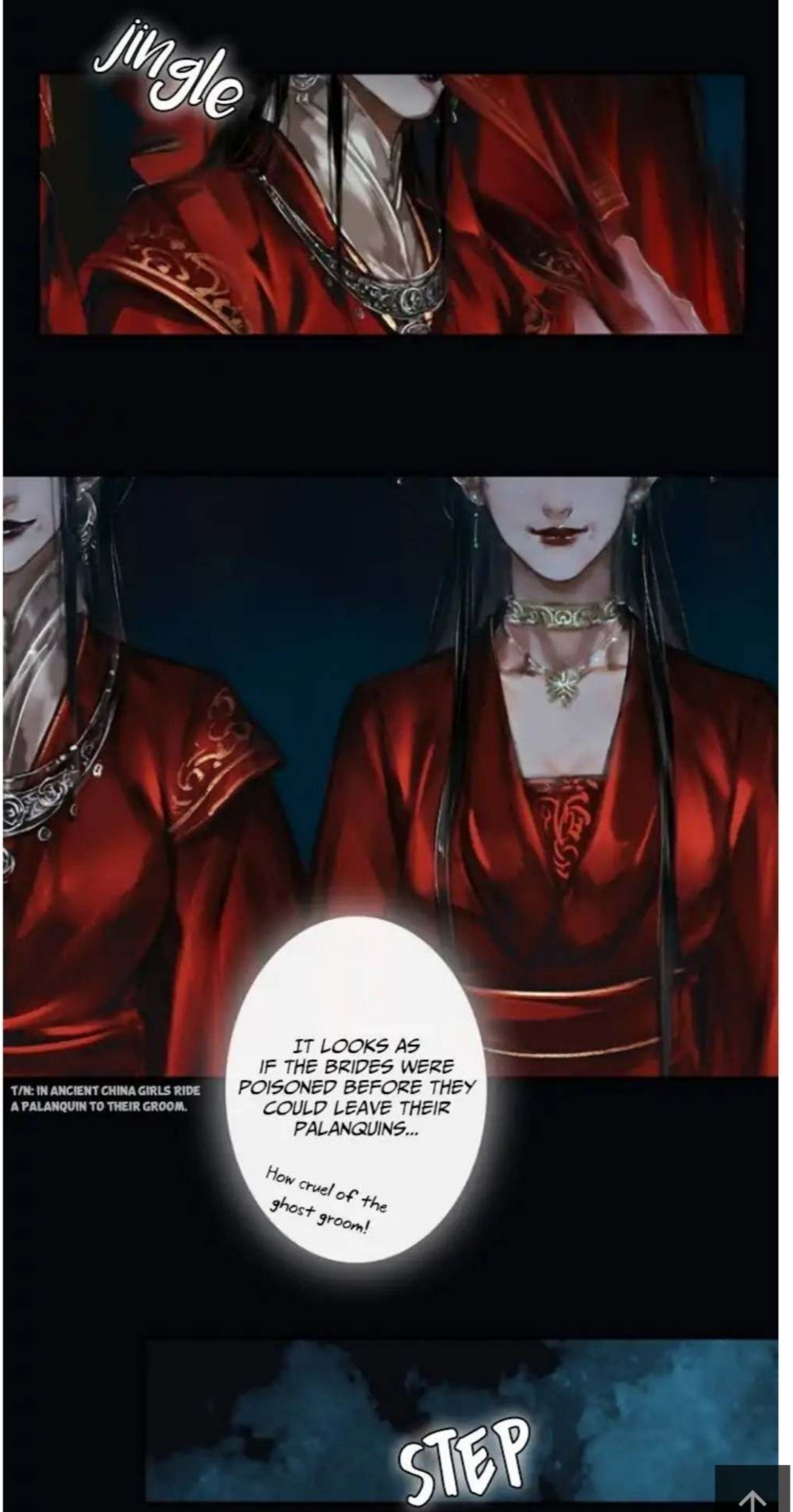
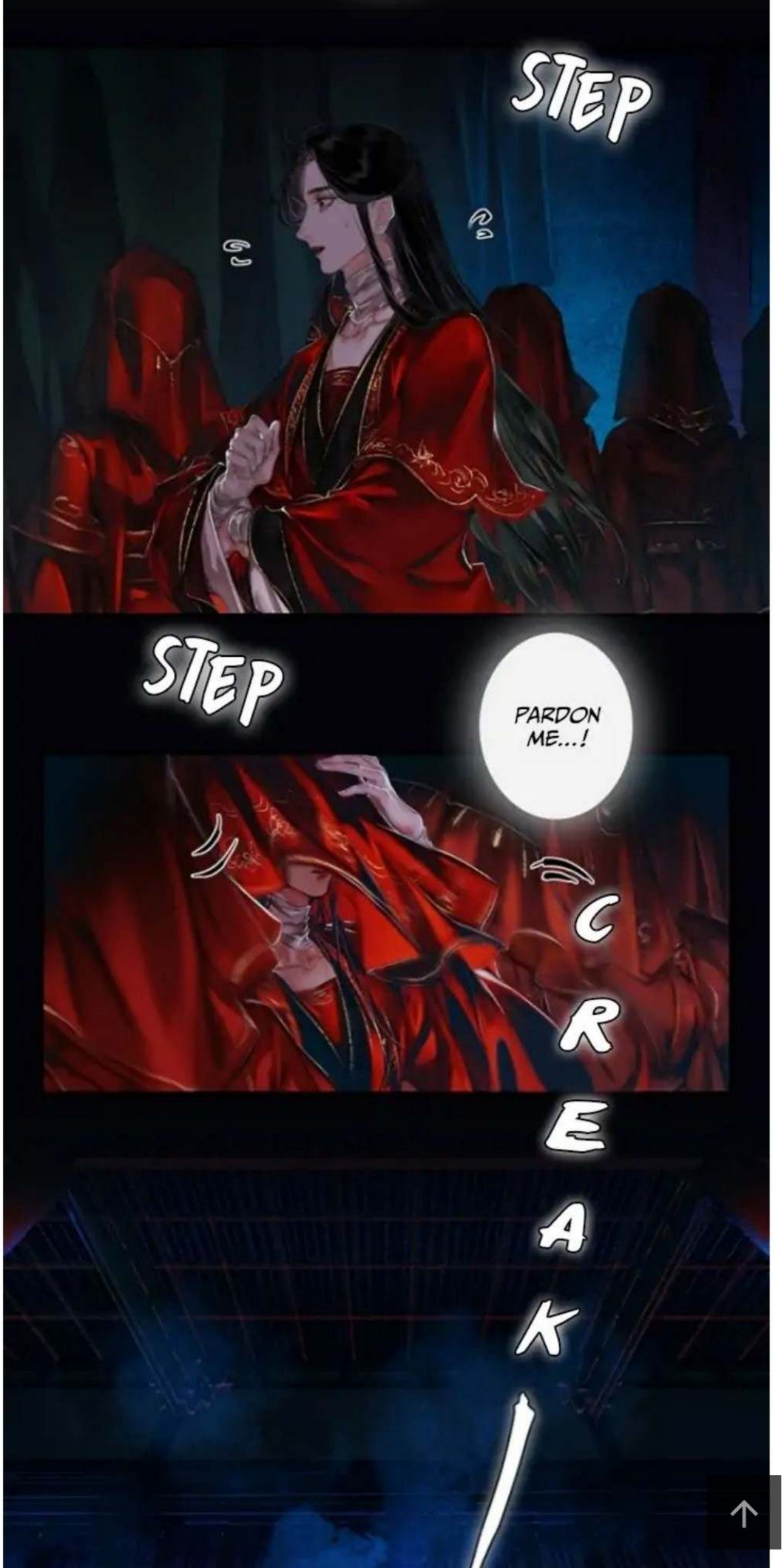
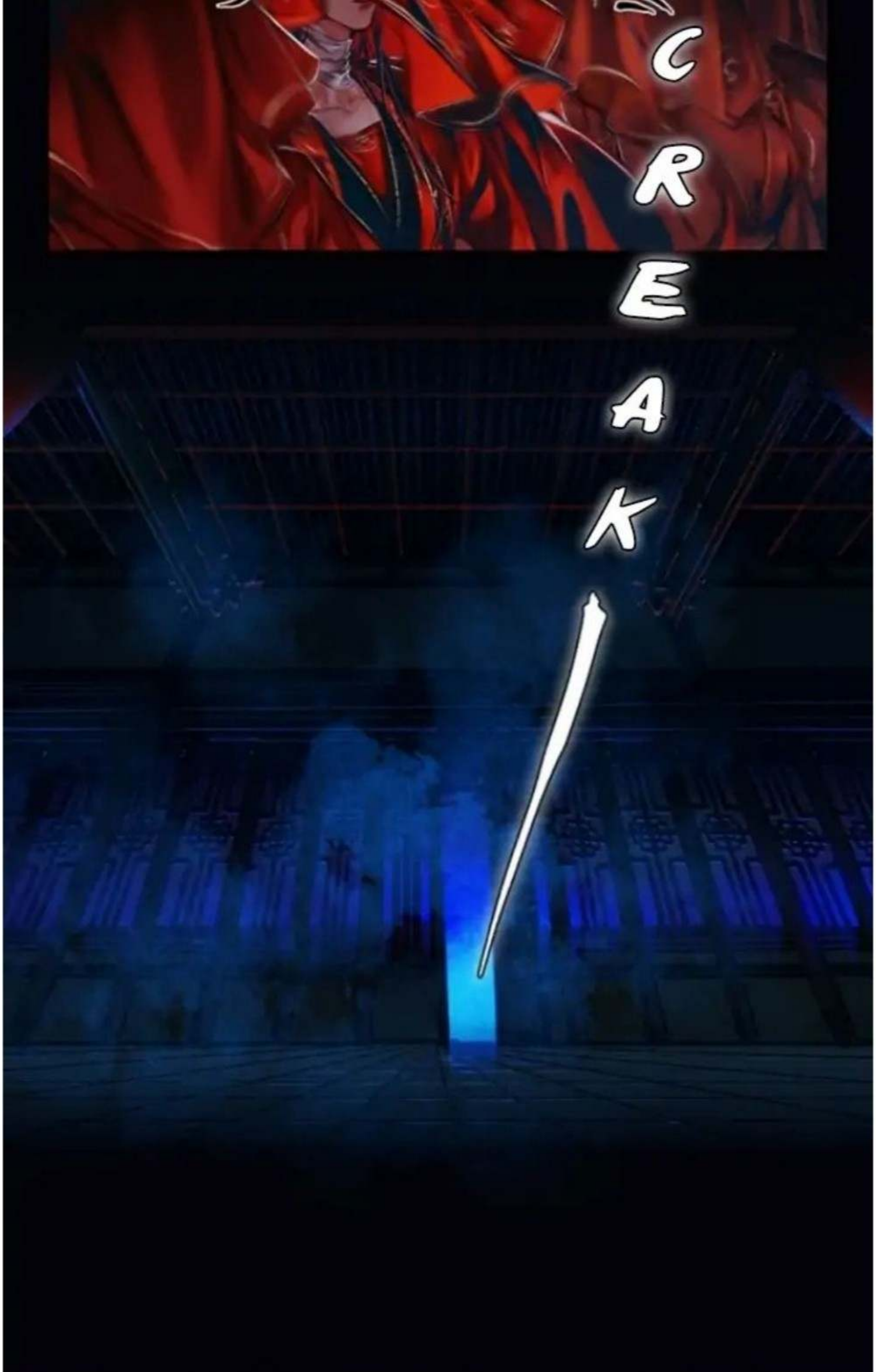
ONE, TWO, THREE...
FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN...
SEVENTEEN!
WAIT THIS IS-!
THE MISSING BRIDES- THEY'RE ALL HERE!


jingle
T/N: IN ANCIENT CHINA GIRLS RIDE A PALANQUIN TO THEIR GROOM.
IT LOOKS AS IF THE BRIDES WERE POISONED BEFORE THEY COULD LEAVE THEIR PALANQUINS...
How cruel of the ghost groom!
STEP

STEP
CRAP!
HE'S COMING BACK!
STEP


STEP
STEP
PARDON ME...!
CREAK!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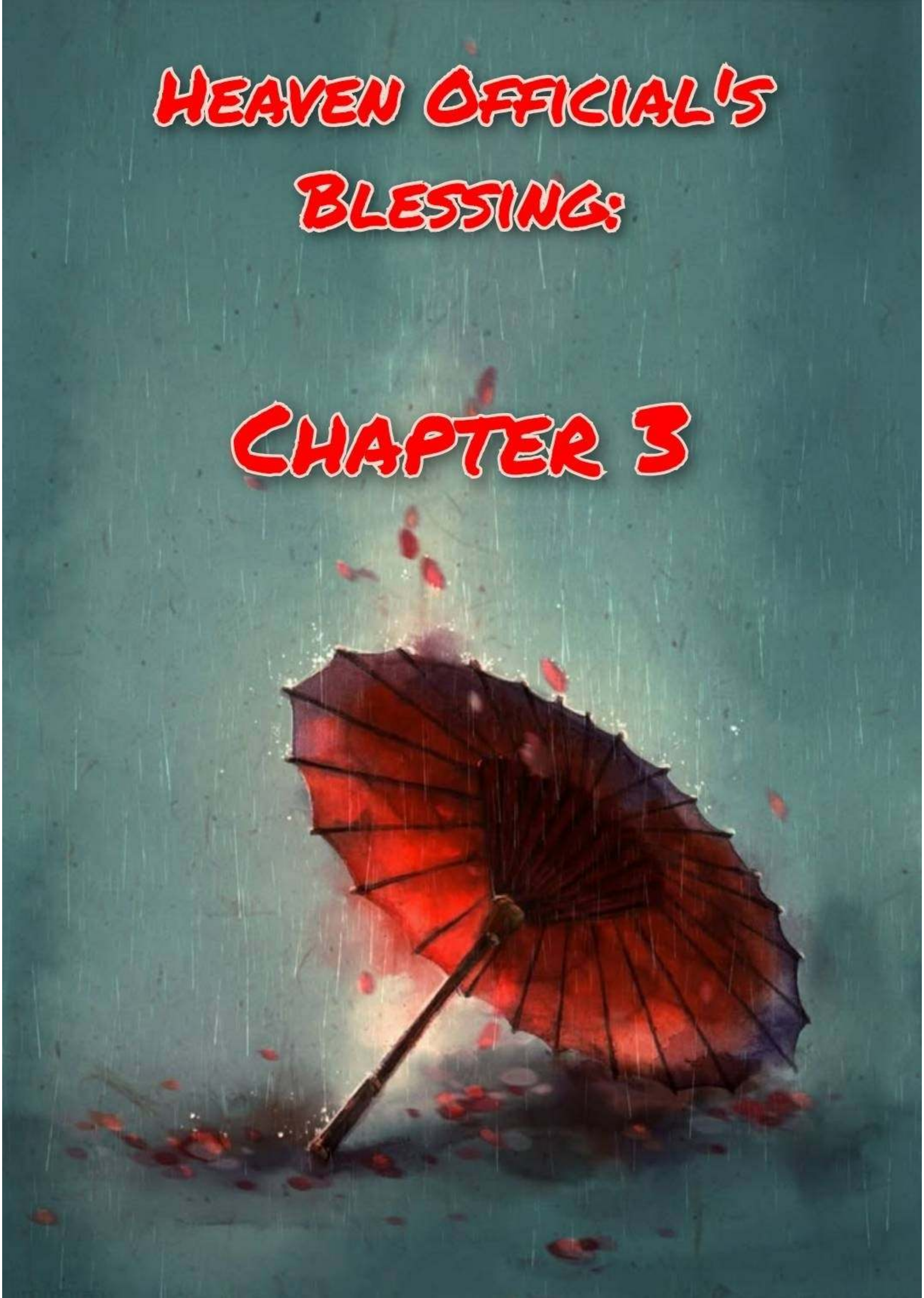
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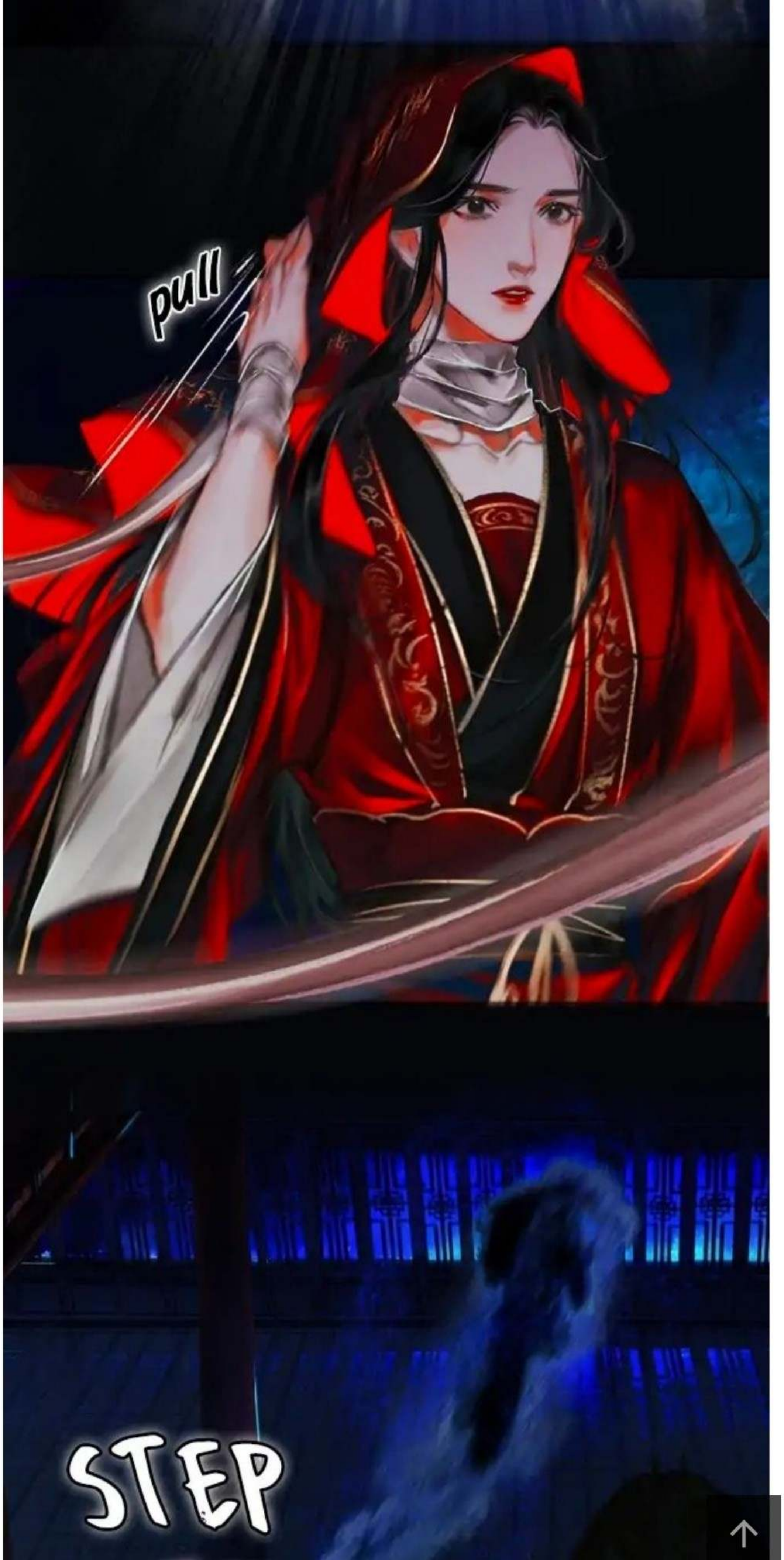
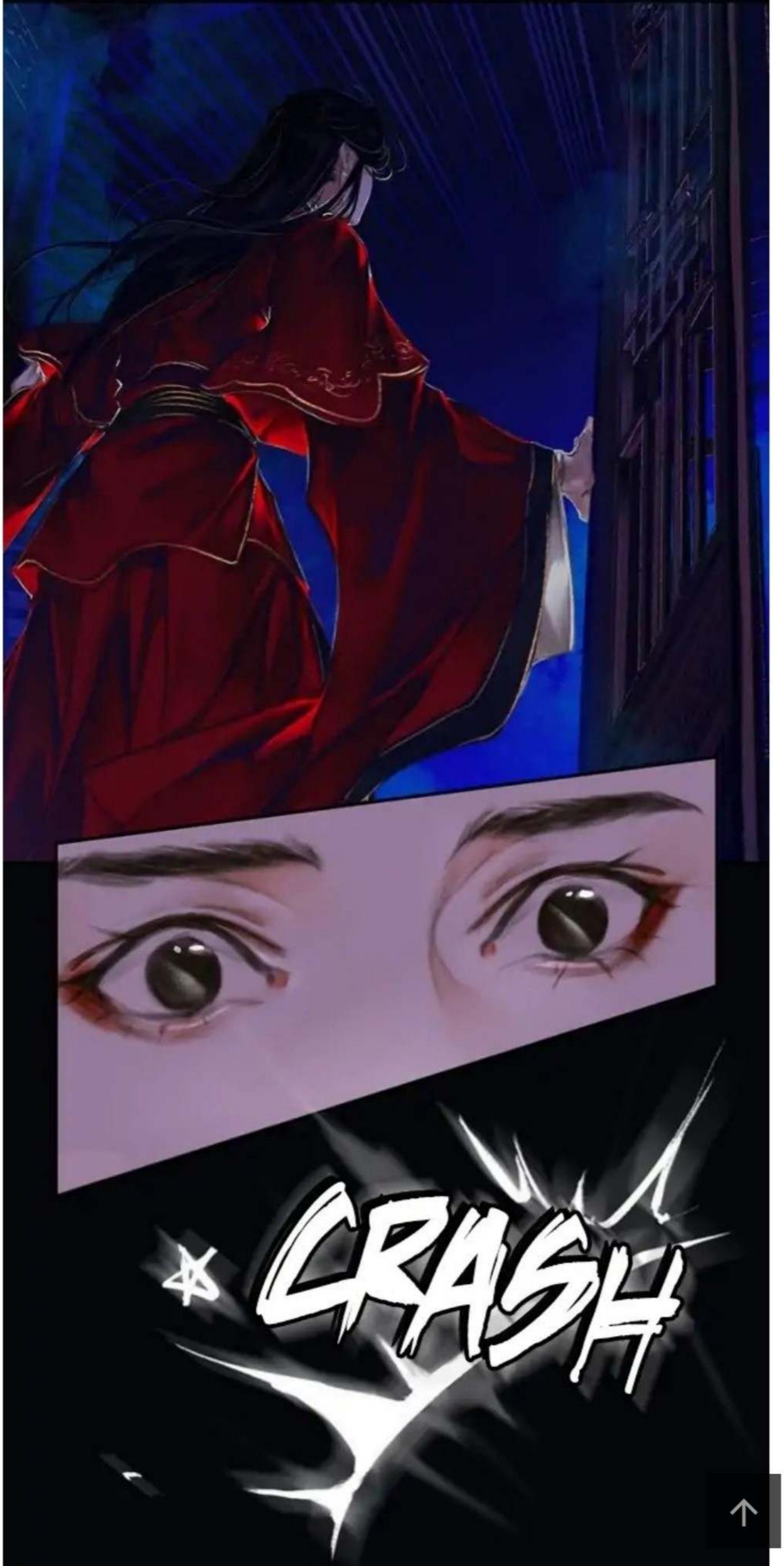
STEP
THESE ARE... FOOTSTEPS?
STUMBLE
AND FROM THE SOUND OF IT, THIS PERSON LIKELY HAS A LIMP...
STEP
STEP

JUST WHO IS THIS...?
STUMBLE
FWIP
BAM


pull
STEP

STEP
STEP
STEP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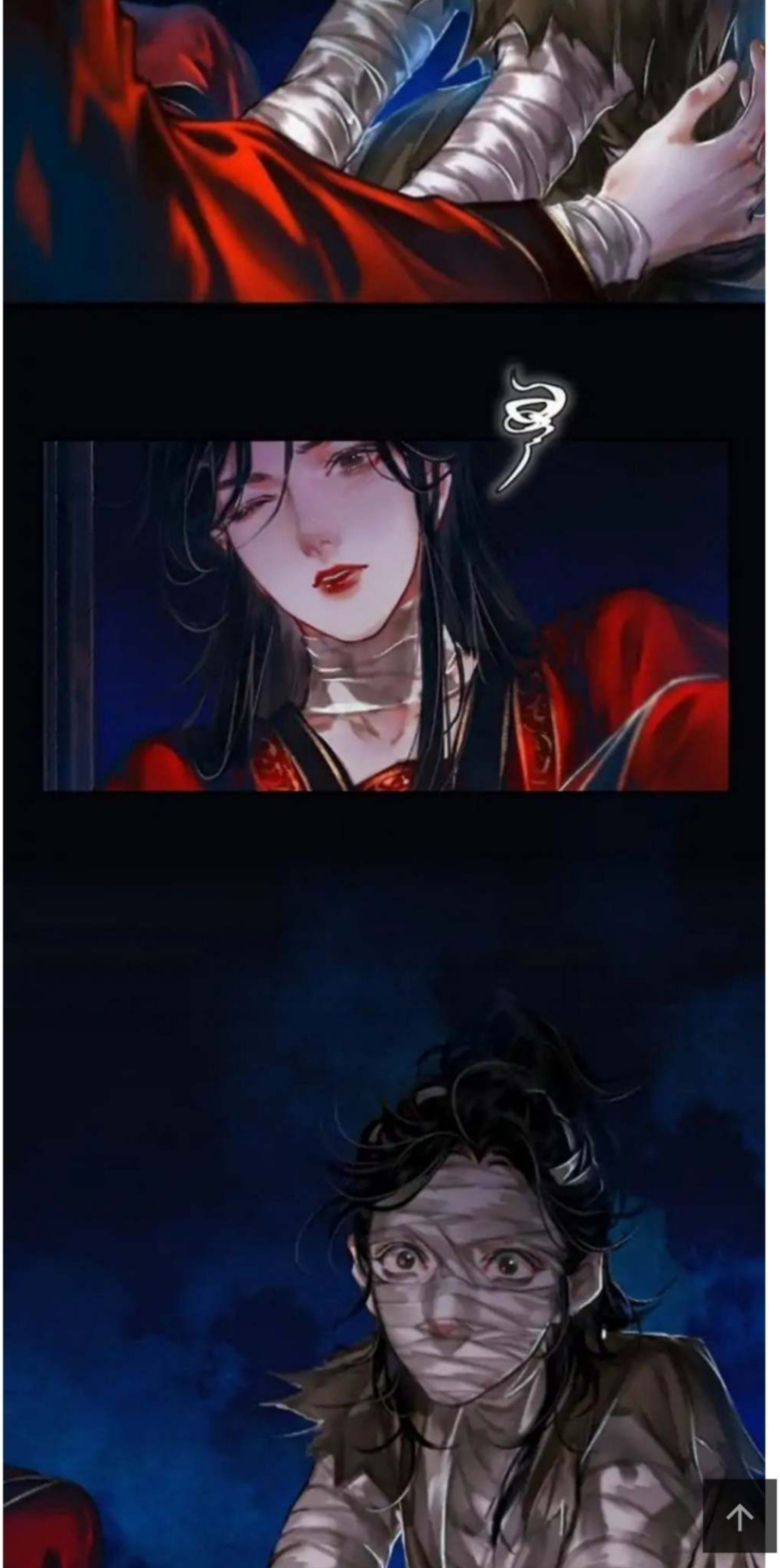
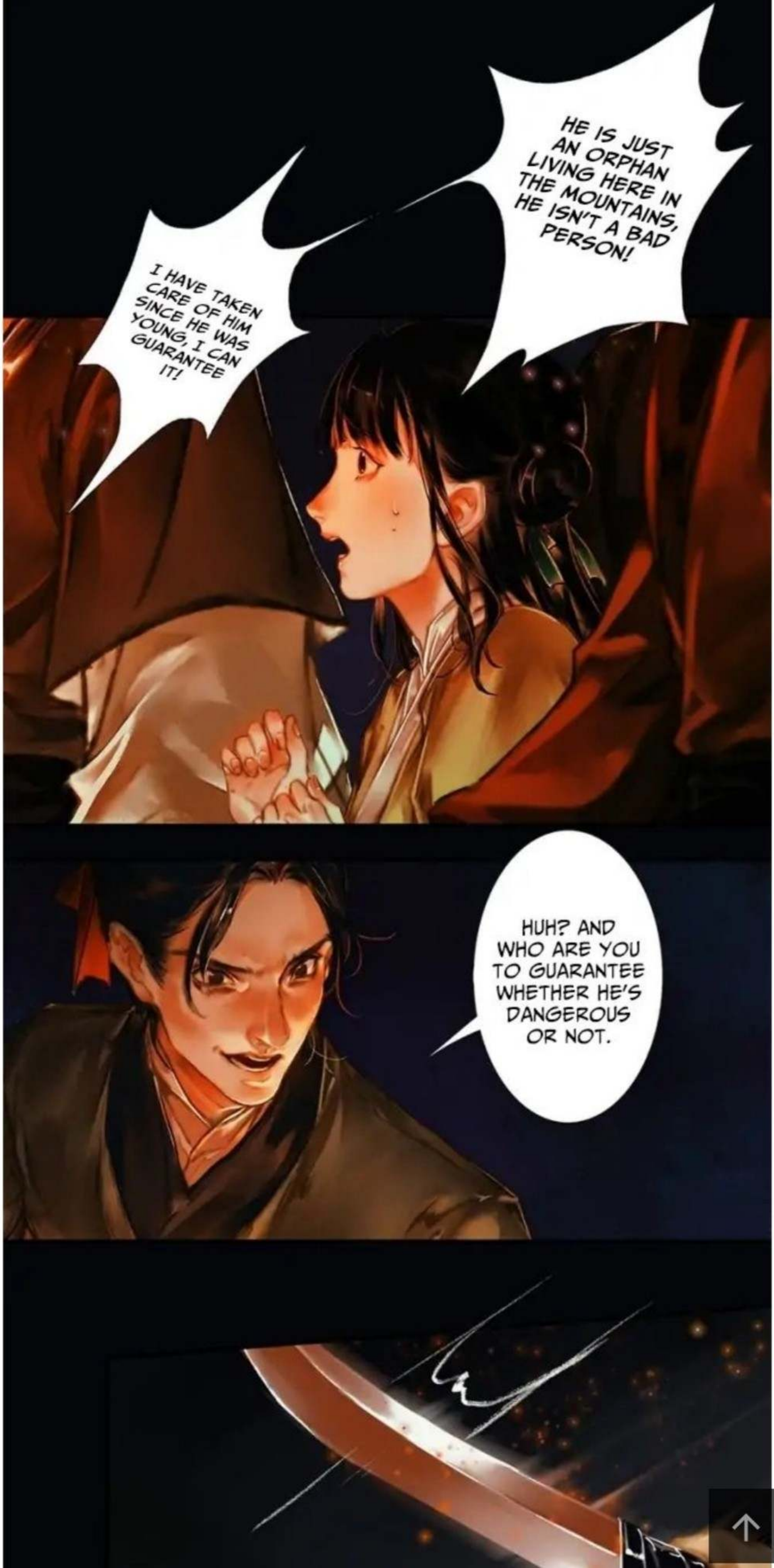


FWOOSH
!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
MARTIAL GOD SERVING UNDER THE NANYANG GENERAL, FENG XIN: NAN FENG.
MARTIAL GOD SERVING UNDER THE XUAN ZHEN GENERAL, MU QING: FU YAO.
WHICH FAMILY ARE YOU FROM, GIRL?
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID— WE'VE CAPTURED THE GHOST GROOM ALREADY.
YOUNG MAN

YOU'VE ALREADY CAPTURED HIM?
NOW, WHY DON'T WE GET A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS UGLY CREATURE AND FIGURE OUT WHERE HE CAME FROM.
STOP! HE'S NOT THE GHOST GROOM!

STOP! HE'S NOT THE GHOST GROOM!
DON'T INTERFERE!
THIS MAN WAS ACTING SUSPICIOUSLY, SO HE MUST BE THE ONE BEHIND THE KIDNAPPINGS!
IF WE CAN KILL HIM, WE'LL BE REWARDED IN GOLD!


HE IS JUST AN ORPHAN LIVING HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS, HE ISN'T A BAD PERSON!
I HAVE TAKEN CARE OF HIM SINCE HE WAS YOUNG, I CAN GUARANTEE IT!
HUH? AND WHO ARE YOU TO GUARANTEE WHETHER HE'S DANGEROUS OR NOT.

IF WE CAN KILL HIM, WE'LL BE REWARDED IN GOLD!
NANFENG, STOP THAT MAN!

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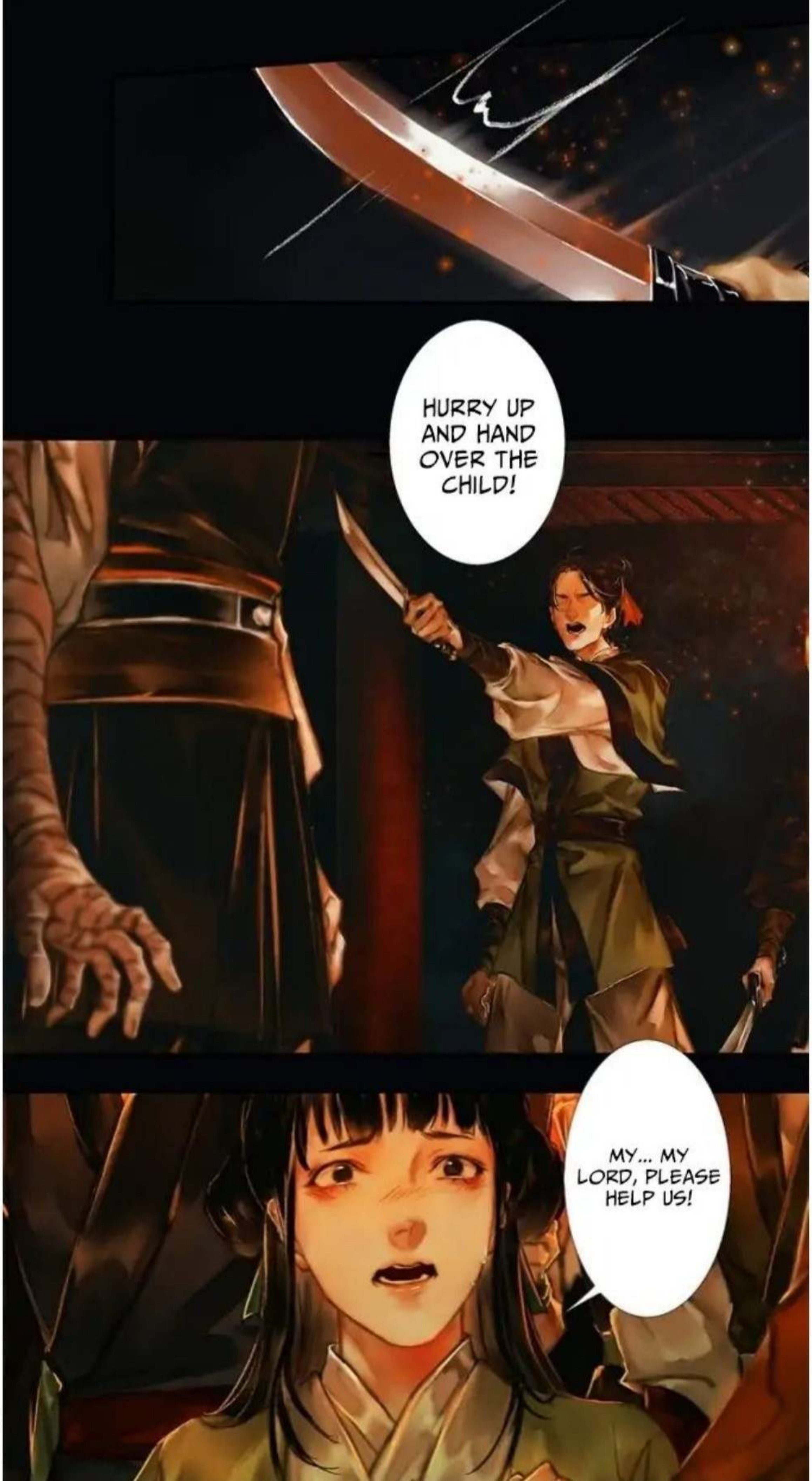

HURRY UP AND HAND OVER THE CHILD!
MY... MY LORD, PLEASE HELP US!

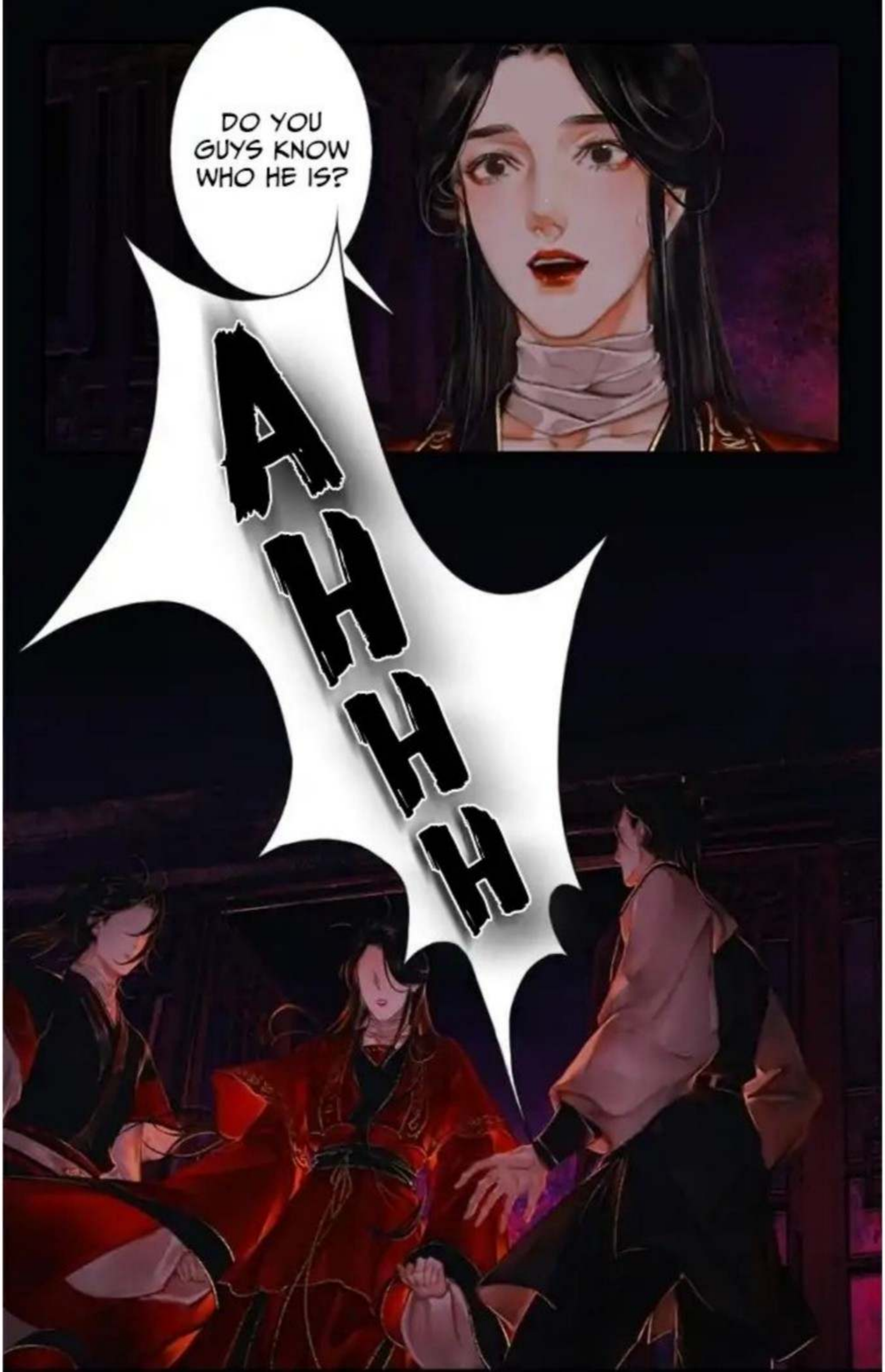
...
GLANCE
HE CERTAINLY ISN'T THE GHOST GROOM-
COULD IT BE THAT YOU ARE JEALOUS OF US AND TRYING TO TAKE HIM SO YOU CAN CLAIM ALL OF THE CREDIT FOR YOURSELF?!
I SAW HIM INSIDE MING GUANG TEMPLE RIGHT BEFORE ALL OF YOU ARRIVED.

I LANDED A HIT ON HIM RIGHT WHEN YOU GUYS ENTERED. IT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE THIS CHILD.
DID YOU SEE HIM?
NO, NOT CLEARLY. DID ANY OF YOU SEE THE GHOST GROOM ESCAPE
WHEN YOU GUYS RUSHED OVER?

NO.
THEN HE MUST NOT HAVE GOTTEN FAR- THAT'S RIGHT.
I FOUND ALL THE MISSING BRIDES INSIDE THE TEMPLE, IT'S SUCH A SHAME...
EXCELLENT, WE CAN STILL GET THE REWARD FOR FINDING THE LOST BRIDES. HURRY LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

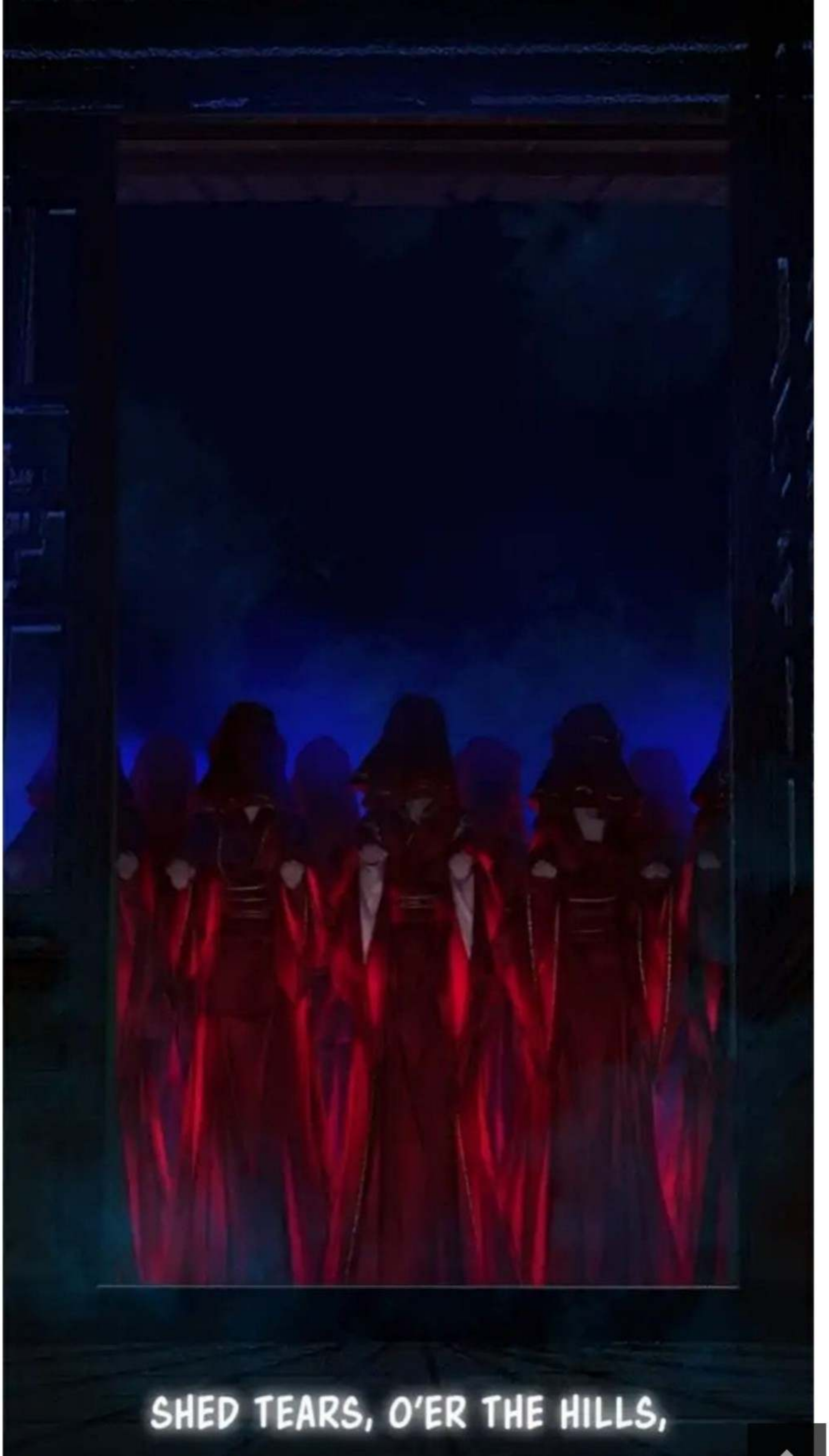
HOW DID YOU FIND THIS PLACE?
WHILE WE WERE FOLLOWING THE ROUTE UP HERE, WE SAW SEVERAL DEAD MONSTERS. WAS THAT YOUR DOING?
SOMEONE LEAD ME HERE. HE WAS THE ONE WHO KILLED ALL OF THE MONSTERS, BUT I DON'T THINK HE WAS THE GHOST GROOM.
WHO WAS IT?

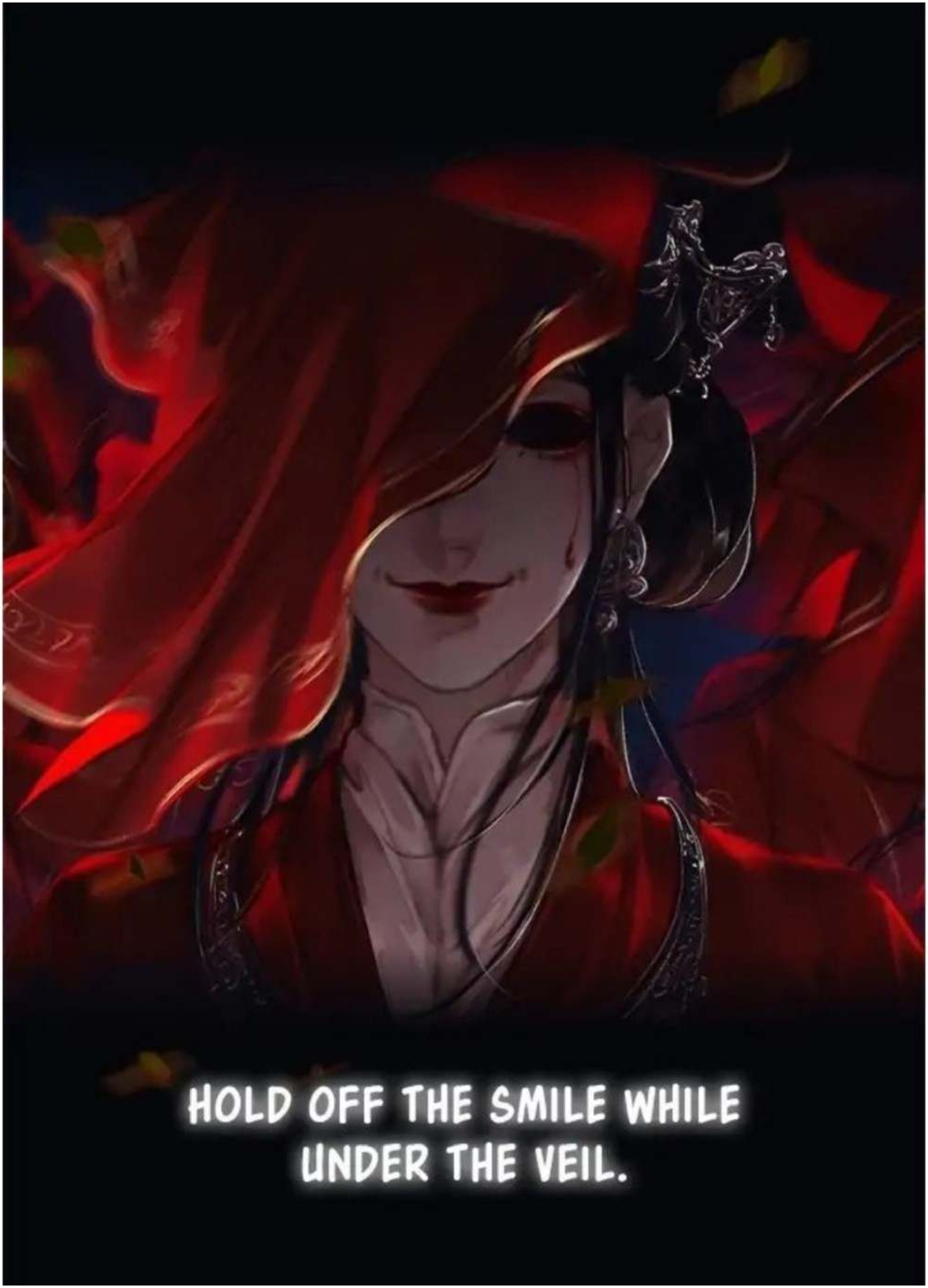
I DON'T KNOW.
HE TURNED INTO SILVER BUTTERFLIES AND FLEW AWAY.
?

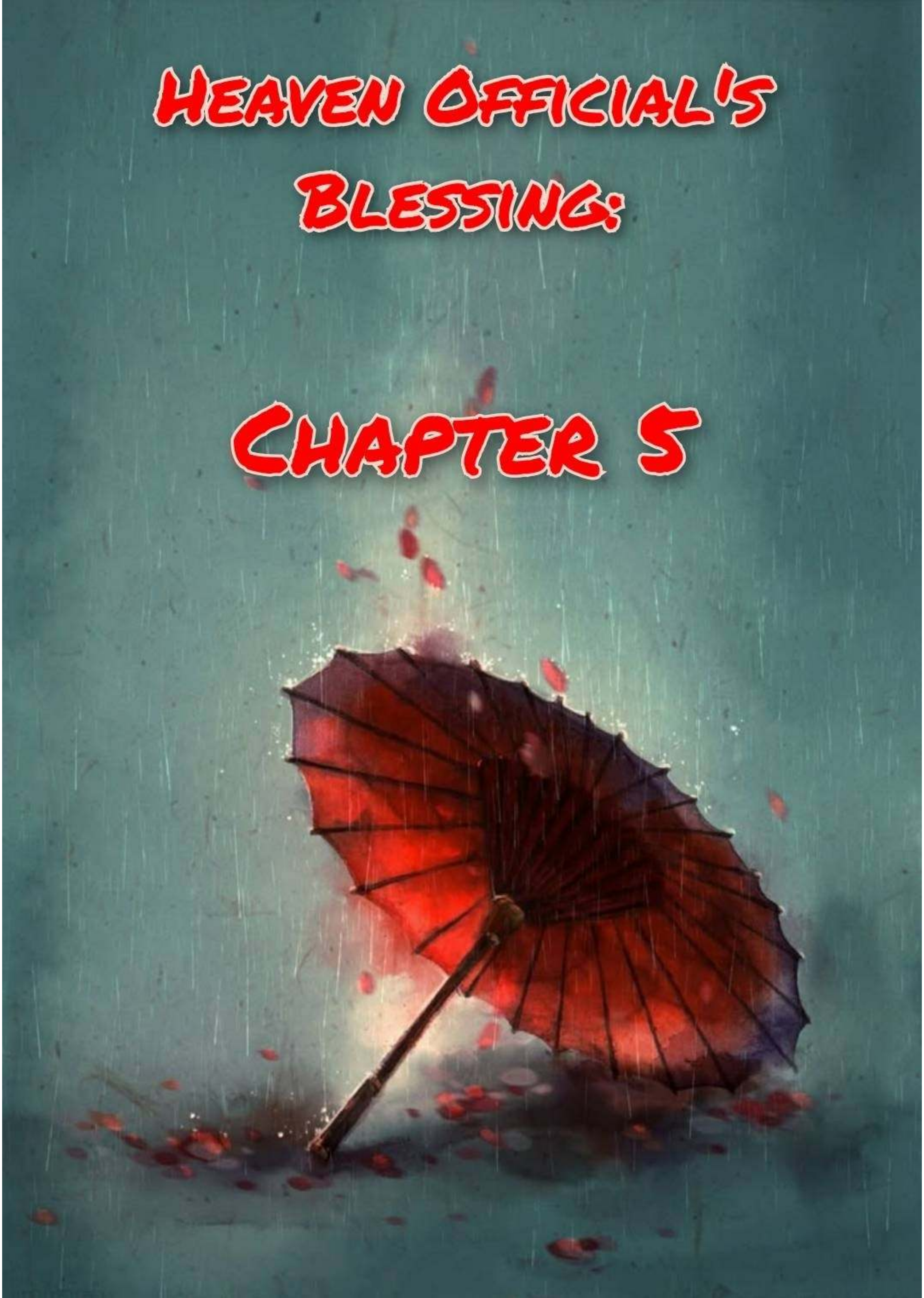

DO YOU GUYS KNOW WHO HE IS?
AHHHH

THEY WERE JUST THERE! BUT THE MOMENT WE ENTERED, THEY DISAPPEARED!
THIS IS BAD!

BRIDE-TO-BE, BRIDE-TO-BE
ATOP THE PALANQUIN,
BRIDE-TO-BE,


SHED TEARS, O'ER THE HILLS,


HOLD OFF THE SMILE WHILE
UNDER THE VEIL.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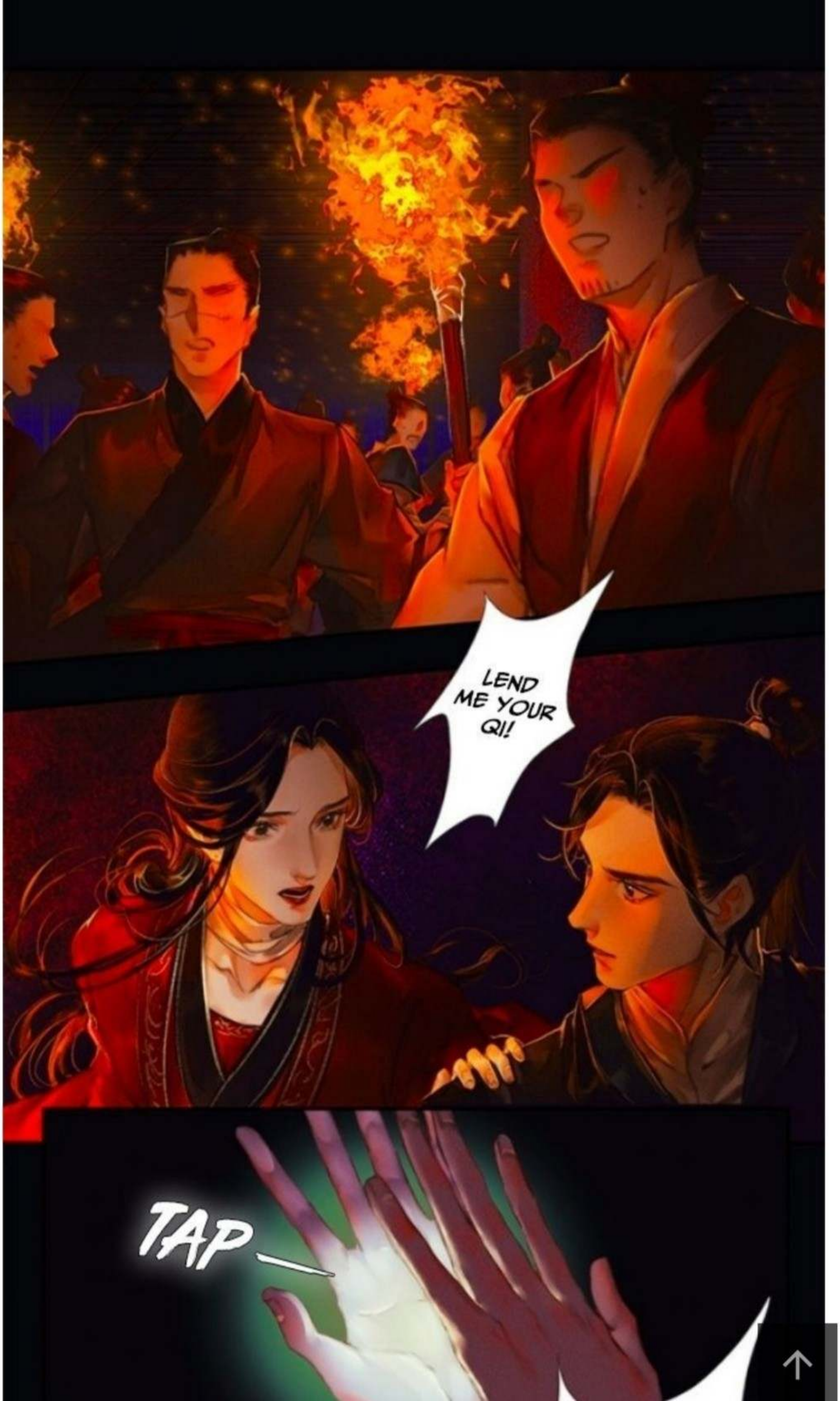
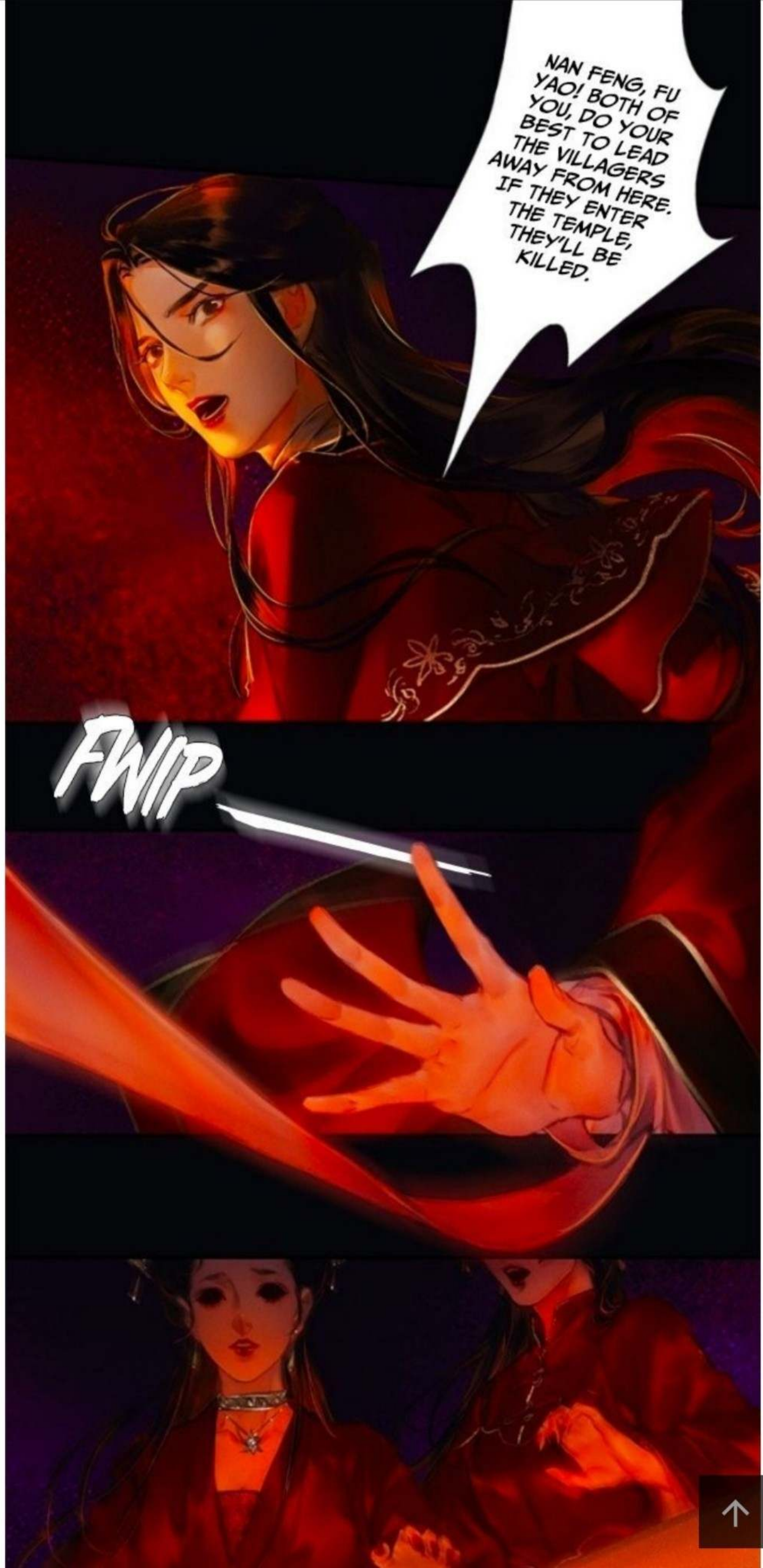
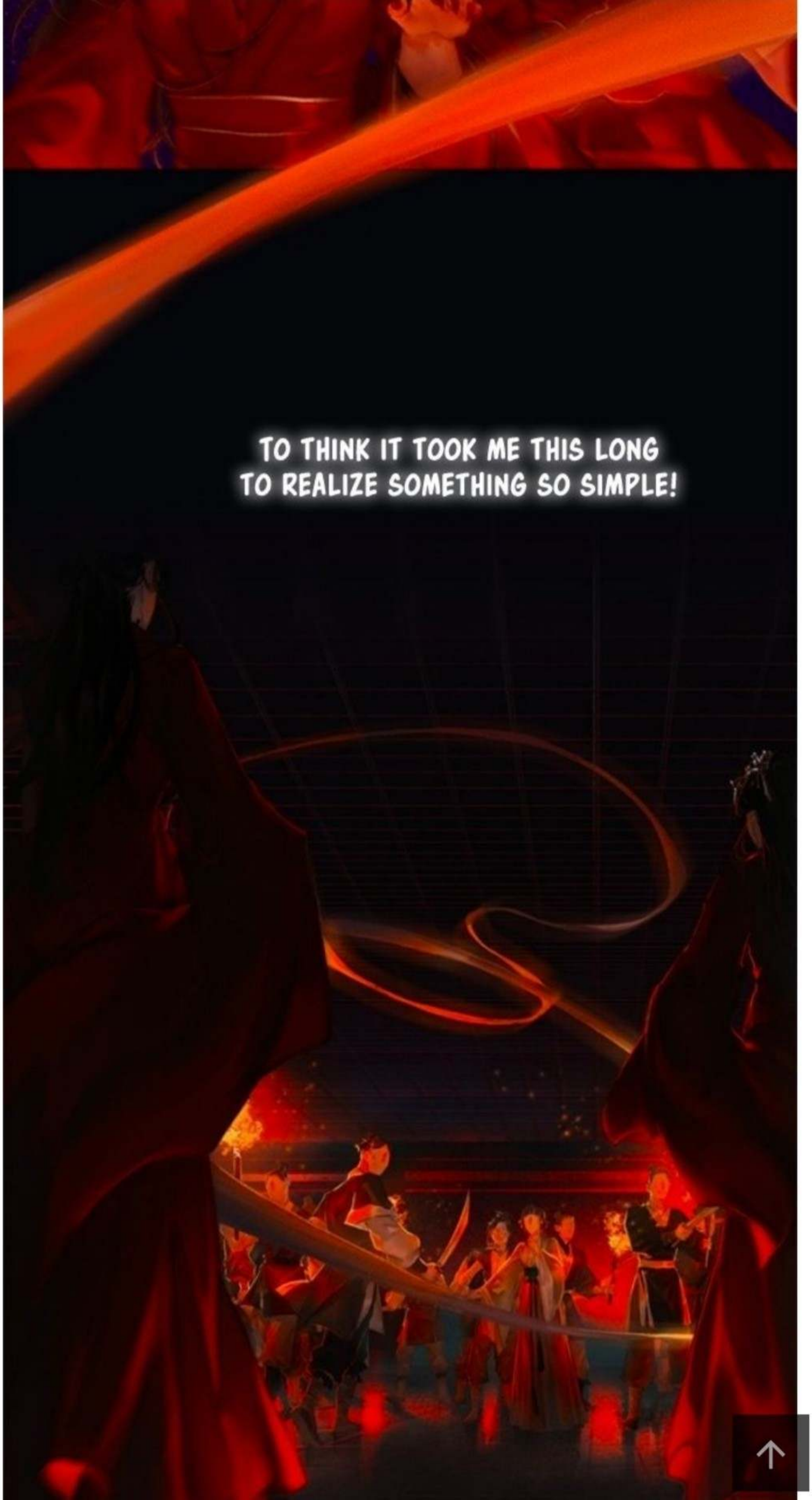
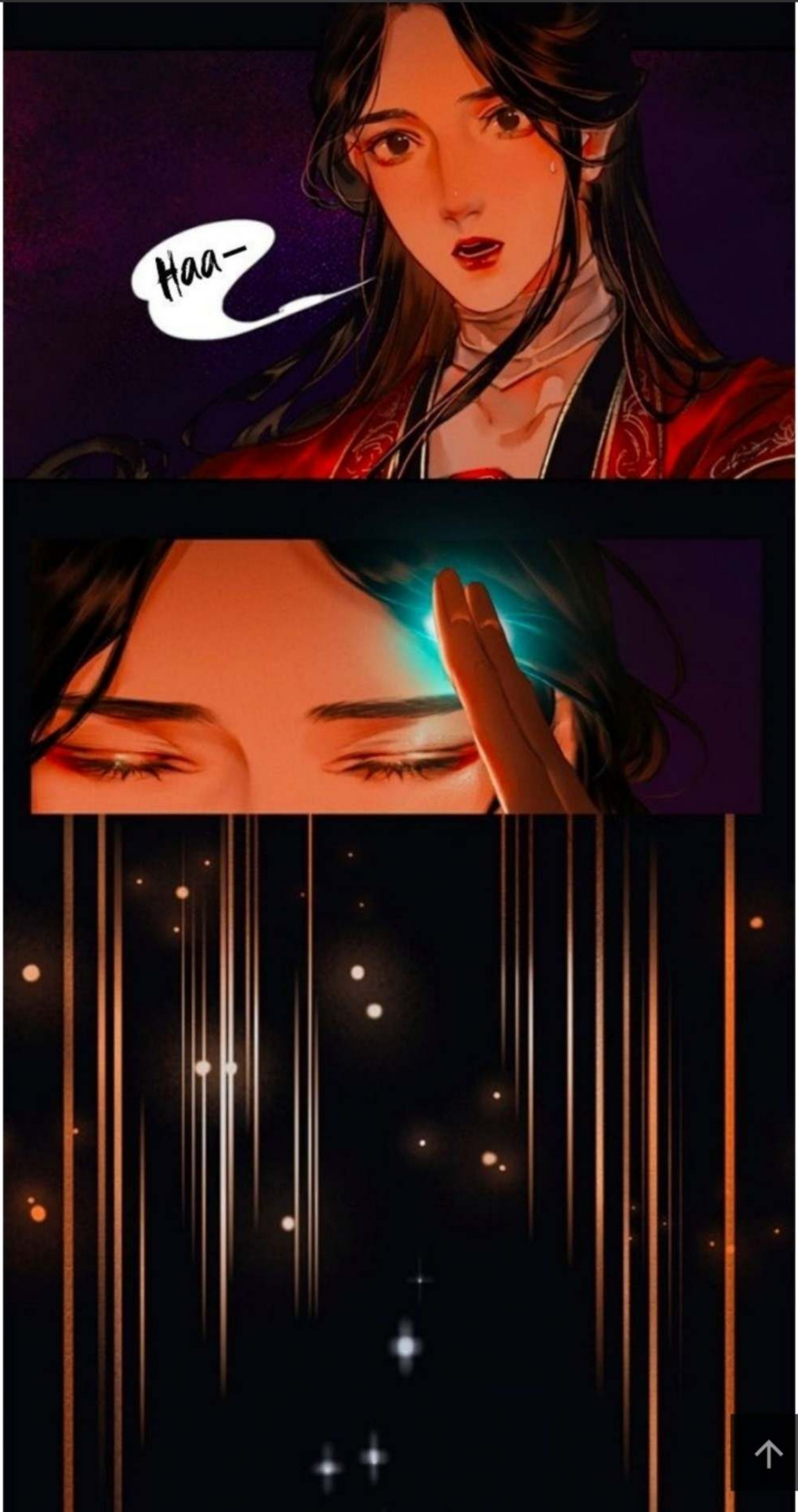
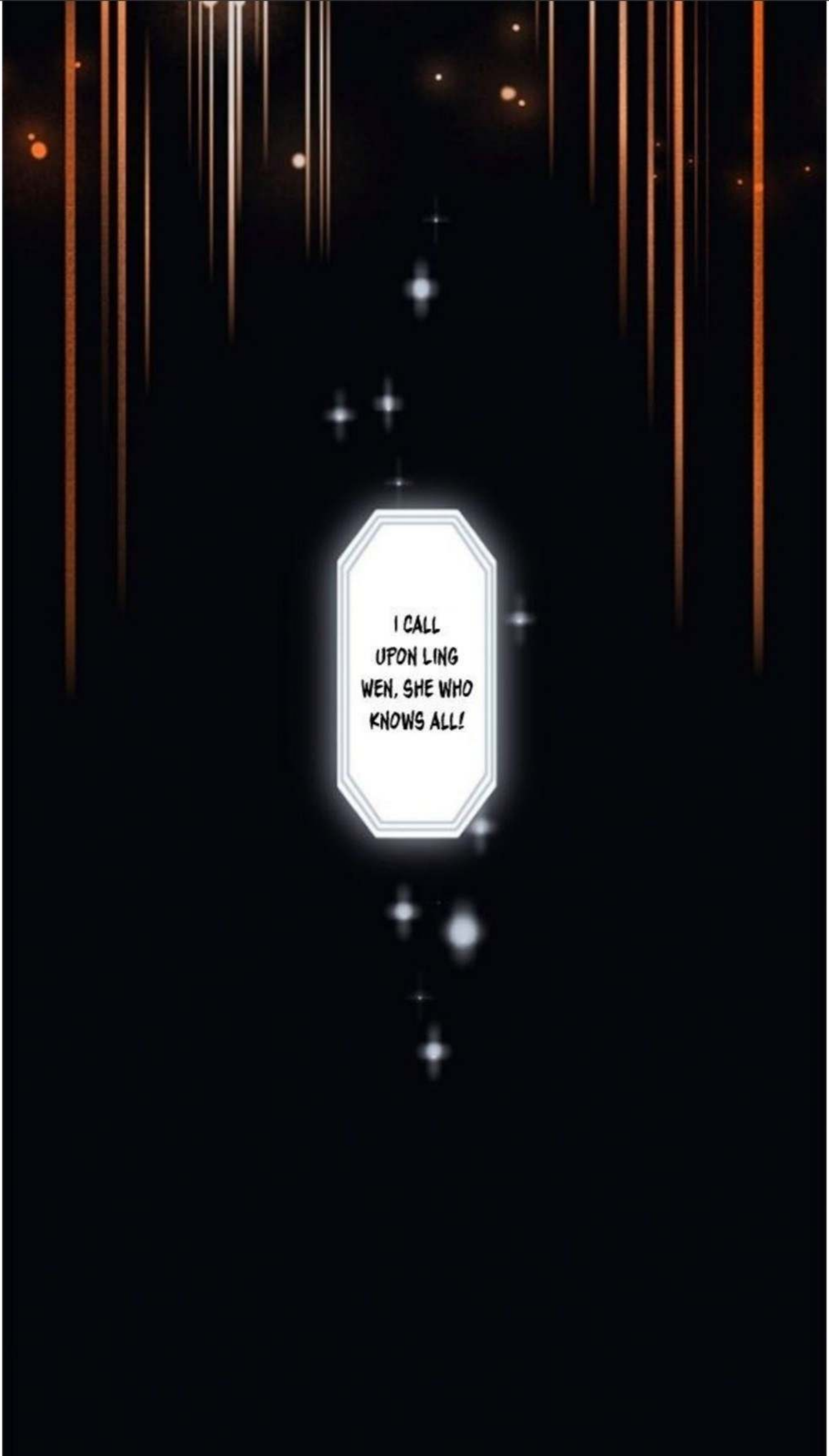
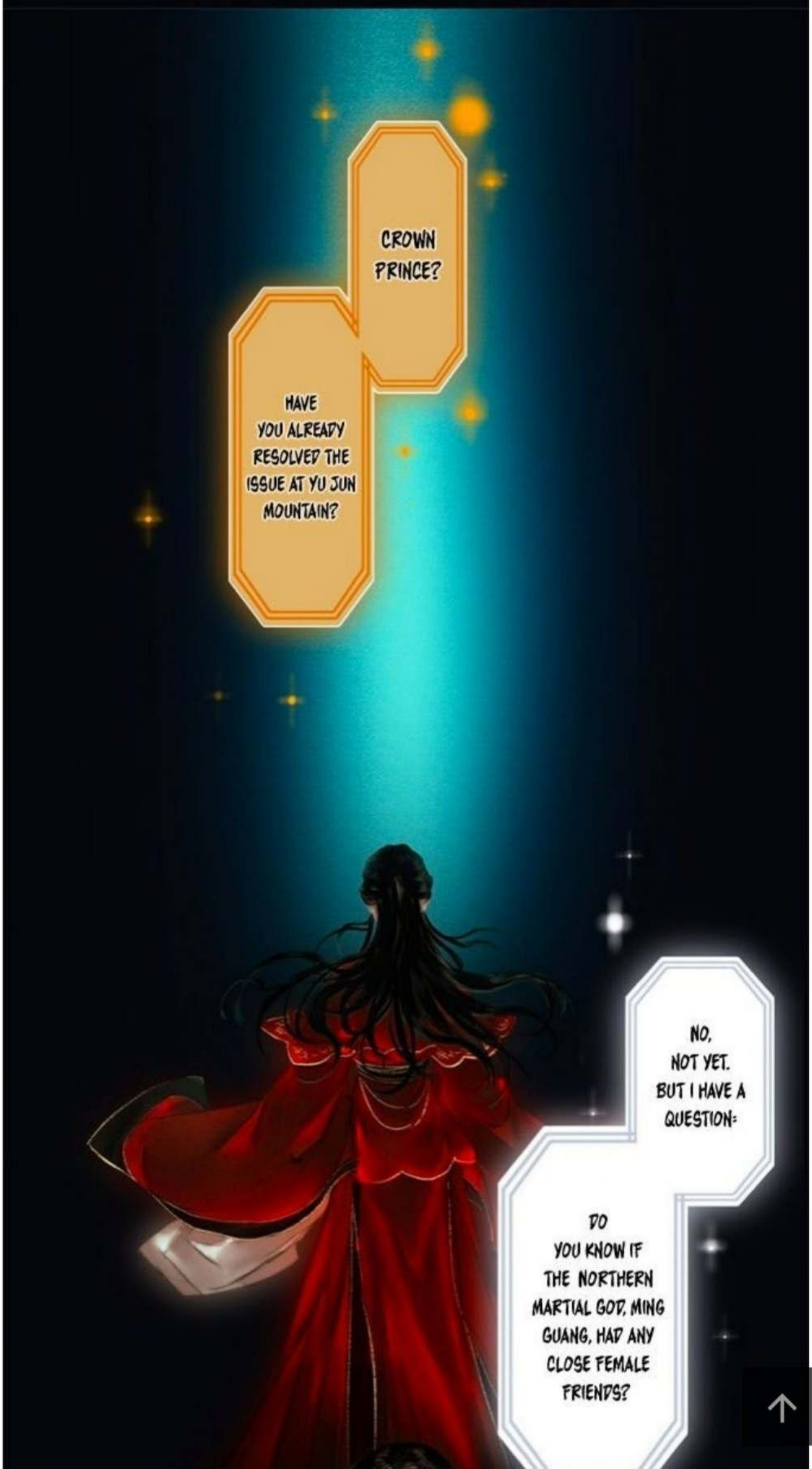

LEND ME YOUR QI!
TAP_


NAN FENG, FU YAO! BOTH OF YOU, DO YOUR BEST TO LEAD THE VILLAGERS AWAY FROM HERE. IF THEY ENTER THE TEMPLE, THEY'LL BE KILLED.
FWIP

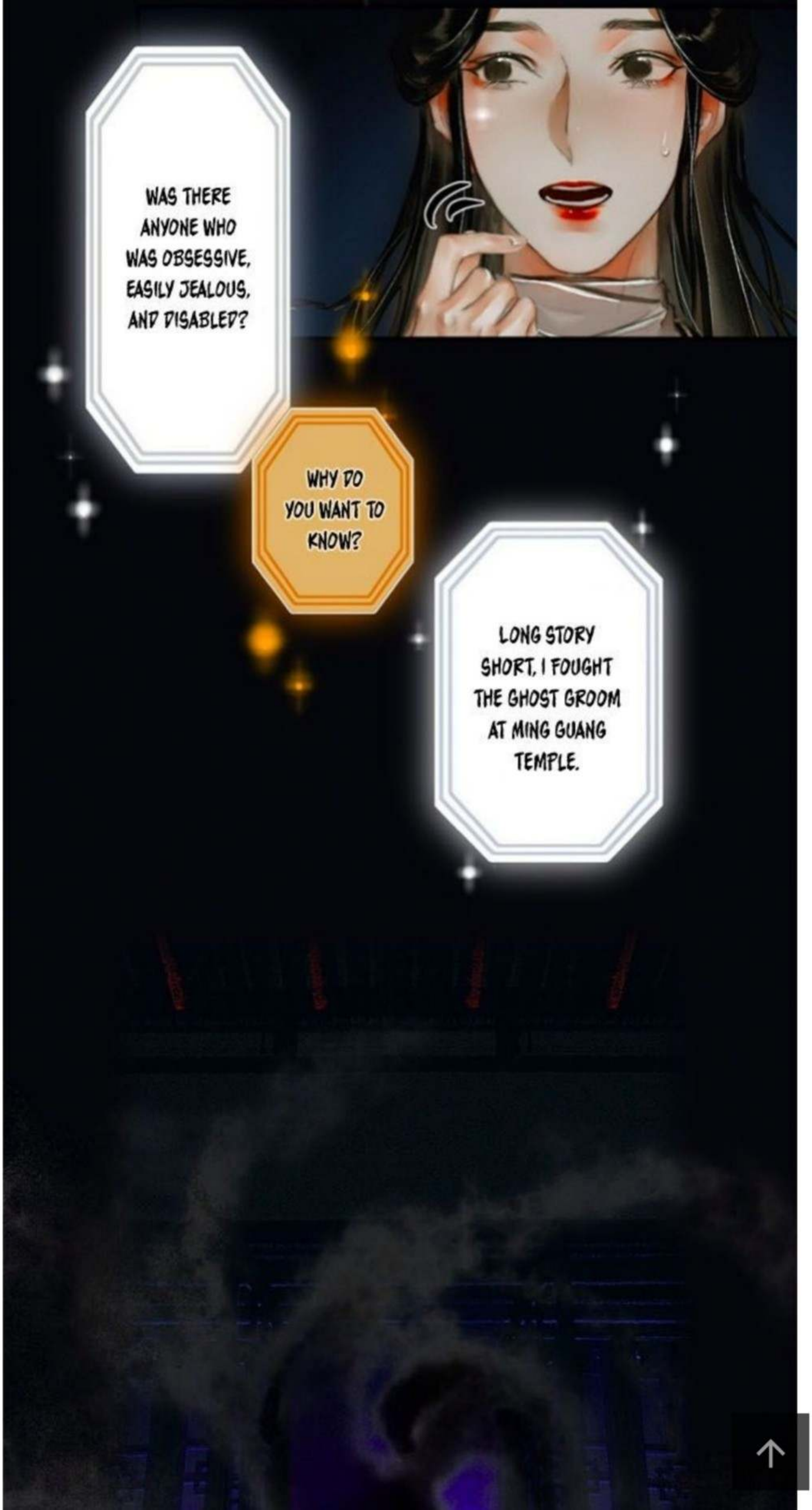

TO THINK IT TOOK ME THIS LONG
TO REALIZE SOMETHING SO SIMPLE!


Haa-

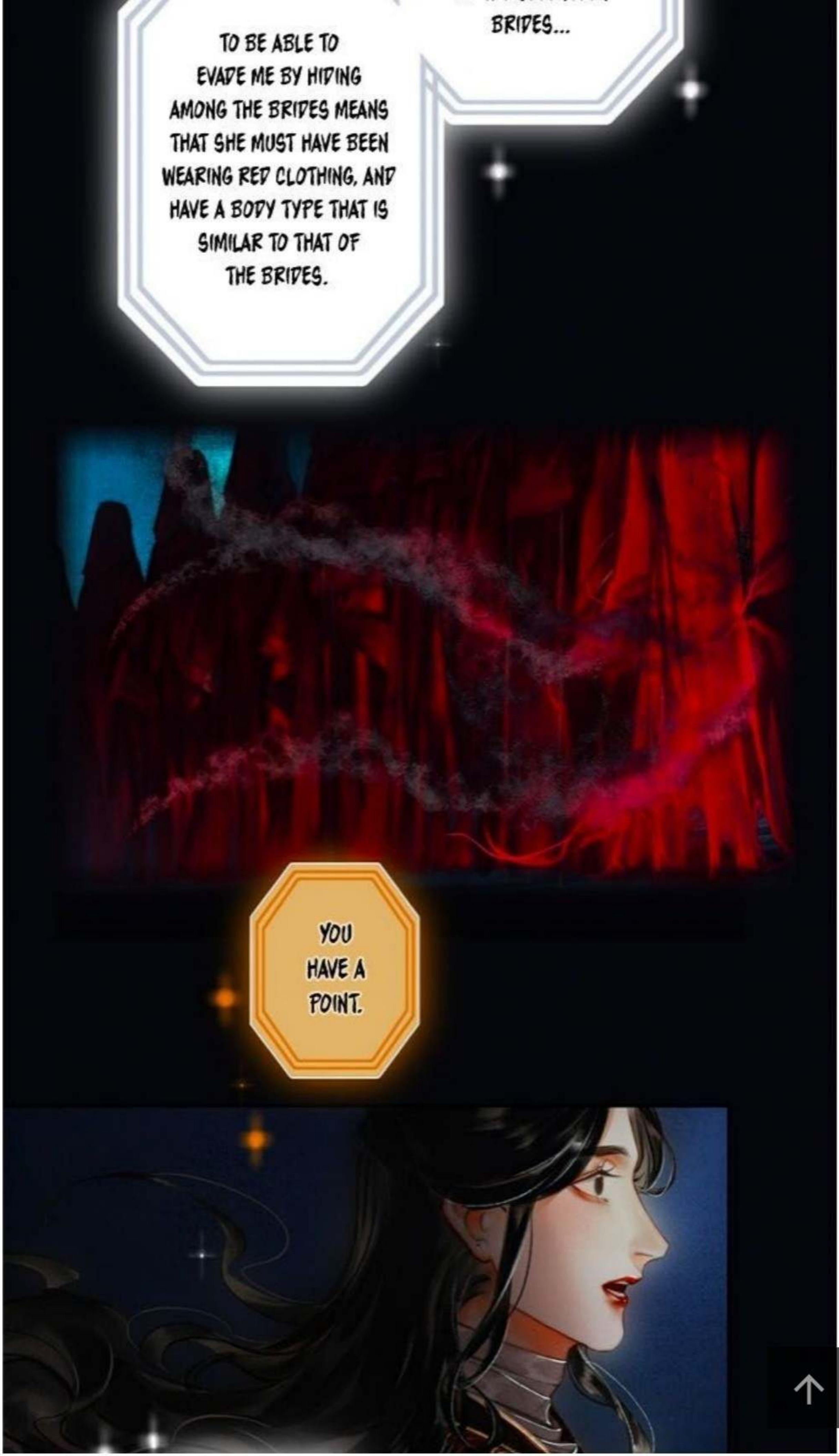

I CALL UPON LING WEN, SHE WHO KNOWS ALL!

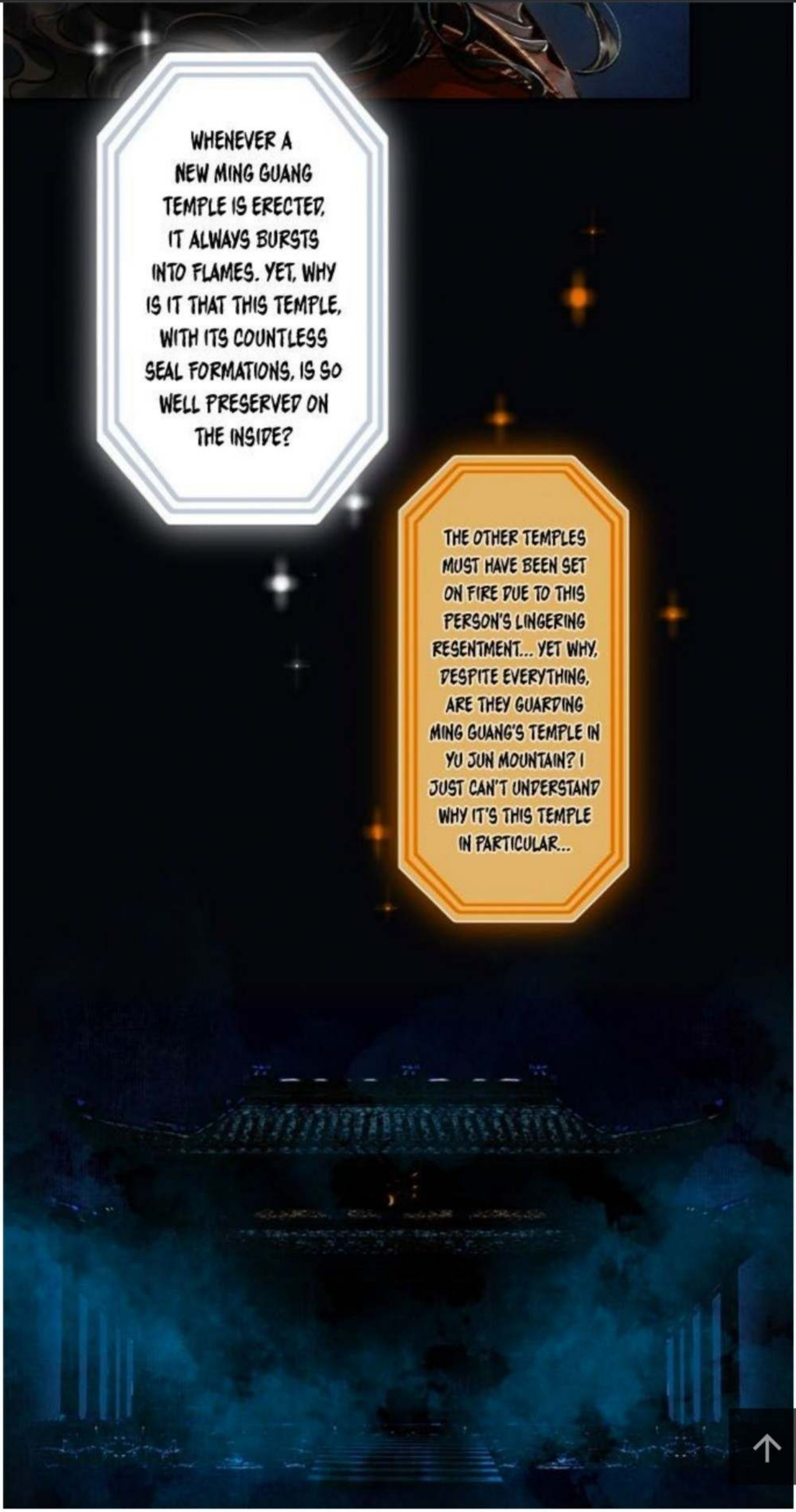

CROWN PRINCE?
HAVE YOU ALREADY RESOLVED THE ISSUE AT YU JUN MOUNTAIN?
NO, NOT YET. BUT I HAVE A QUESTION:
DO YOU KNOW IF THE NORTHERN MARTIAL GOD, MING GUANG, HAD ANY CLOSE FEMALE FRIENDS?

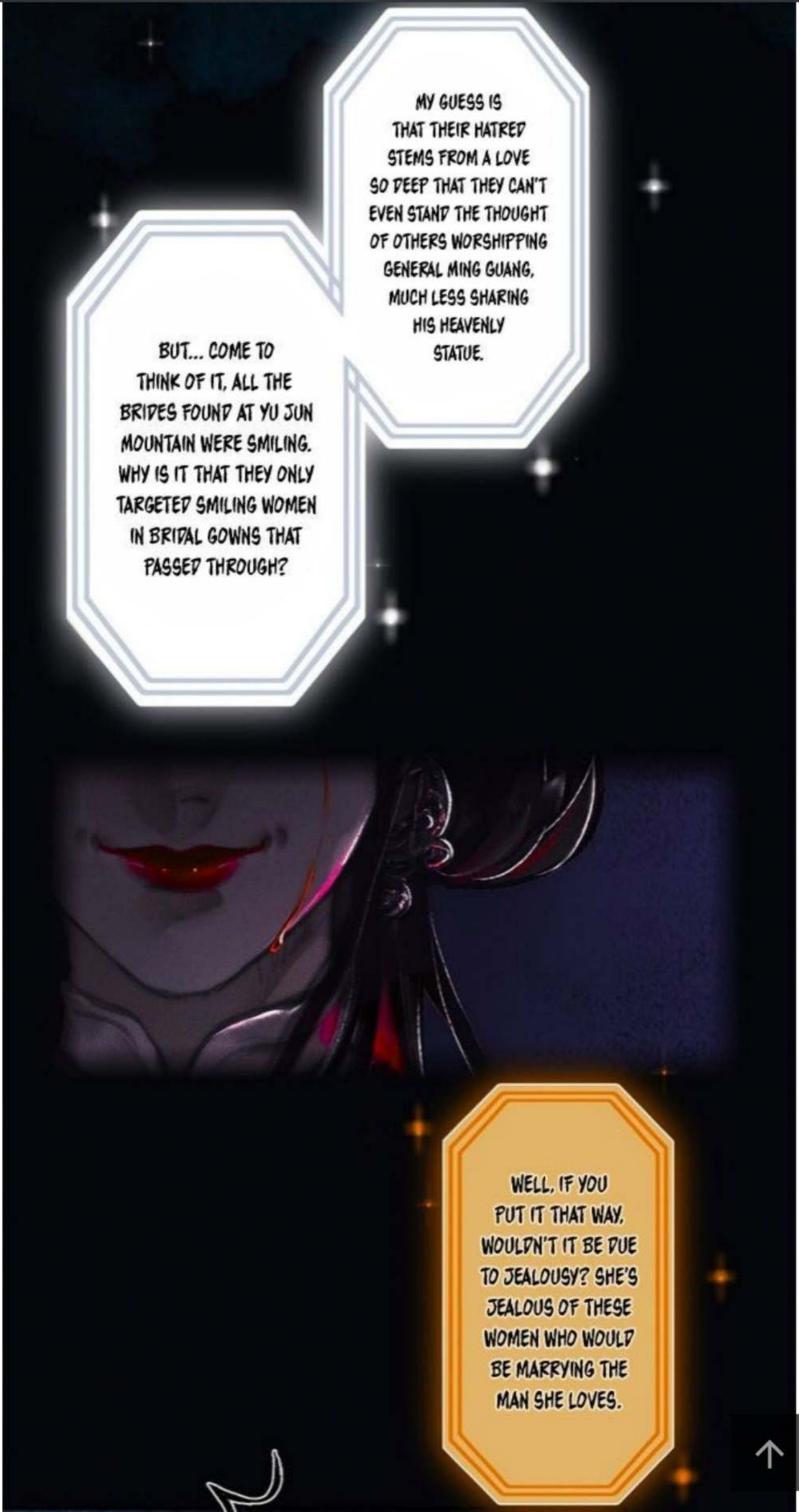
...
HE DIDN'T?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT...IT'S JUST...HE'S HAD TOO MANY. WHICH ONE IN PARTICULAR ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT?
UH...

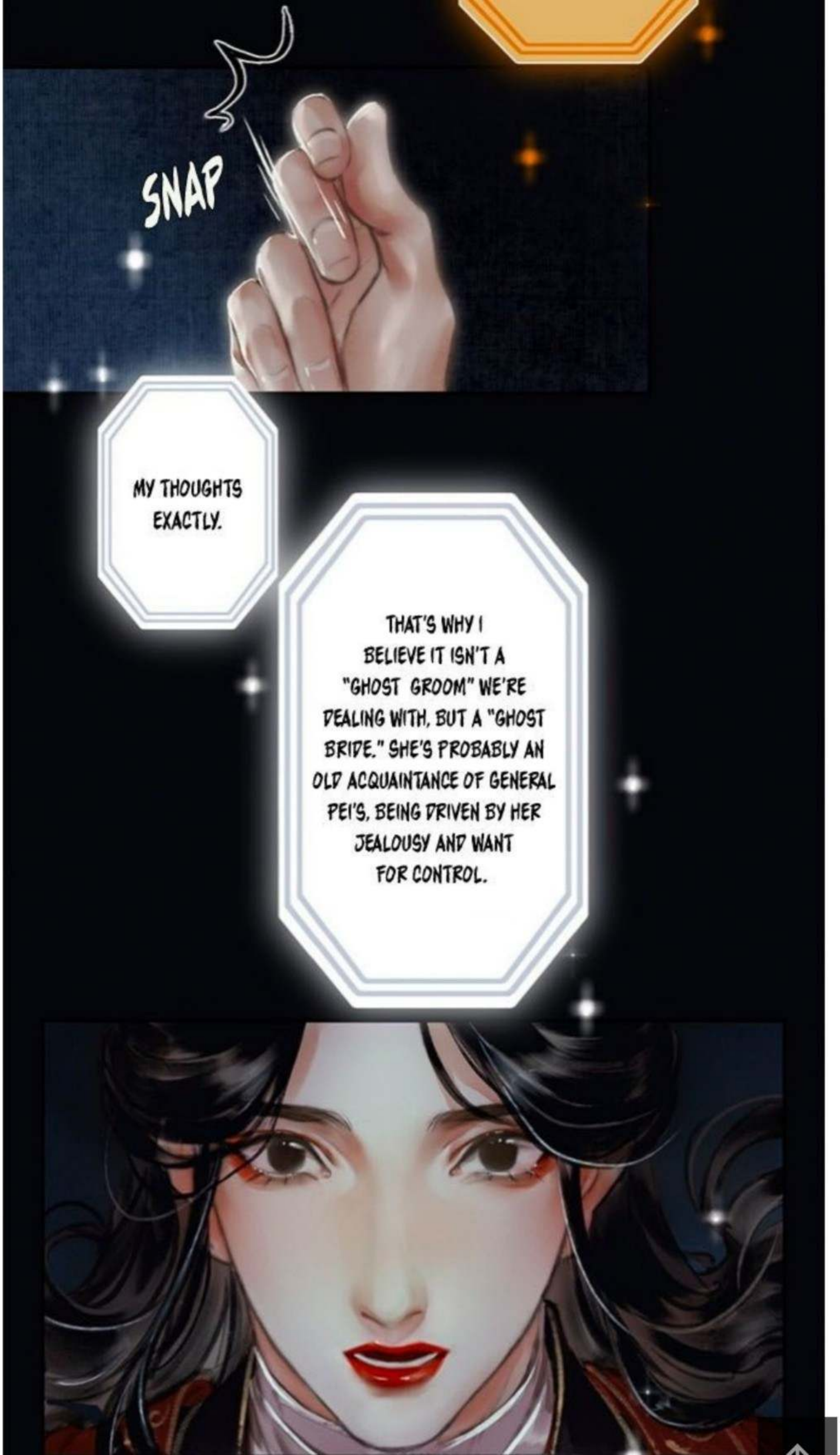

WAS THERE ANYONE WHO WAS OBSESSIVE, EASILY JEALOUS, AND DISABLED?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
LONG STORY SHORT, I FOUGHT THE GHOST GROOM AT MING GUANG TEMPLE.

AFTER I LANDED A BLOW ON HER, SHE TURNED TO BLACK MIST AND FLED, BUT NEITHER NAN FENG NOR FU YAO COULD FIND A TRACE OF HER WHEN THEY SEARCHED.
THE BLACK MIST COULD HAVE BEEN A DISTRACTION, MEANT TO OCCUPY US WHILE SHE WENT AND HID AMONGST THE BODIES OF THE SEVENTEEN BRIDES...


BRIDES...
TO BE ABLE TO EVADE ME BY HIDING AMONG THE BRIDES MEANS THAT SHE MUST HAVE BEEN WEARING RED CLOTHING, AND HAVE A BODY TYPE THAT IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE BRIDES.
YOU HAVE A POINT.

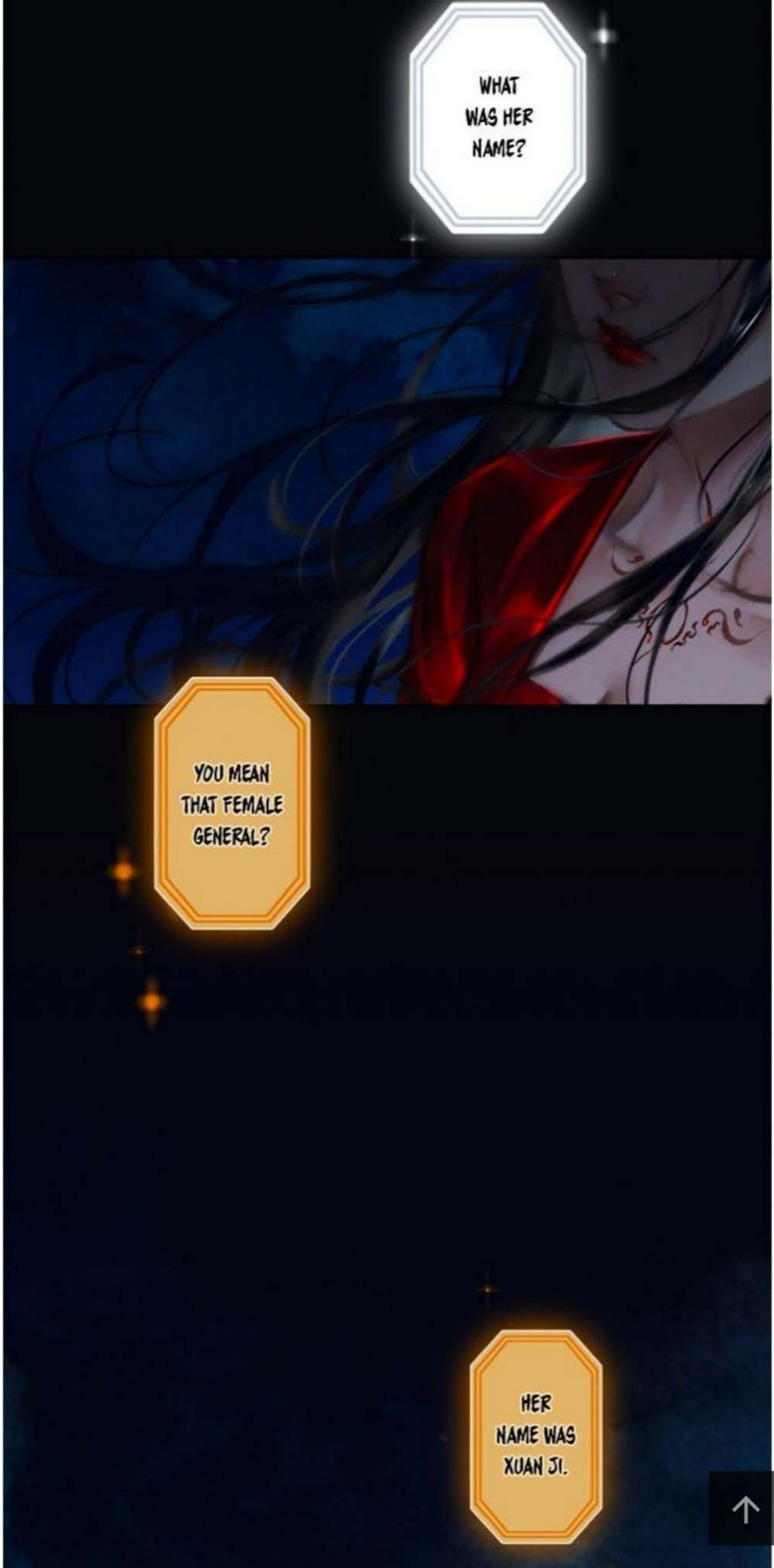

WHENEVER A NEW MING GUANG TEMPLE IS ERECTED, IT ALWAYS BURSTS INTO FLAMES. YET, WHY IS IT THAT THIS TEMPLE, WITH ITS COUNTLESS SEAL FORMATIONS, IS SO WELL PRESERVED ON THE INSIDE?
THE OTHER TEMPLES MUST HAVE BEEN SET ON FIRE DUE TO THIS PERSON'S LINGERING RESENTMENT... YET WHY, DESPITE EVERYTHING, ARE THEY GUARDING MING GUANG'S TEMPLE IN YU JUN MOUNTAIN? I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S THIS TEMPLE IN PARTICULAR...

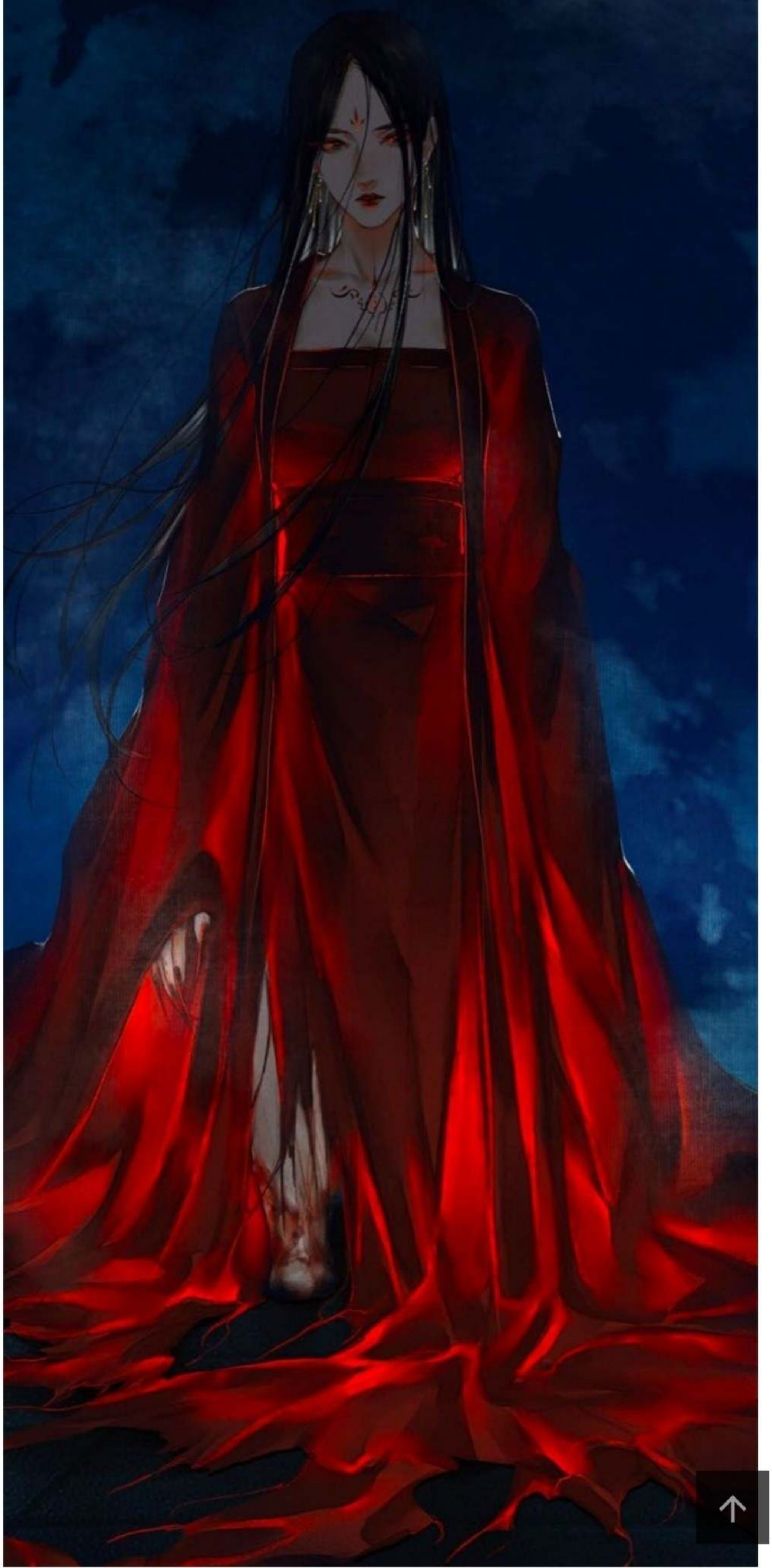

MY GUESS IS THAT THEIR HATRED STEMS FROM A LOVE SO DEEP THAT THEY CAN'T EVEN STAND THE THOUGHT OF OTHERS WORSHIPPING GENERAL MING GUANG, MUCH LESS SHARING HIS HEAVENLY STATUE.
BUT... COME TO THINK OF IT, ALL THE BRIDES FOUND AT YU JUN MOUNTAIN WERE SMILING. WHY IS IT THAT THEY ONLY TARGETED SMILING WOMEN IN BRIDAL GOWNS THAT PASSED THROUGH?
WELL, IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, WOULDN'T IT BE DUE TO JEALOUSY? SHE'S JEALOUS OF THESE WOMEN WHO WOULD BE MARRYING THE MAN SHE LOVES.


SNAP
MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY.
THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE IT ISN'T A "GHOST GROOM" WE'RE DEALING WITH, BUT A "GHOST BRIDE." SHE'S PROBABLY AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF GENERAL PEI'S, BEING DRIVEN BY HER JEALOUSY AND WANT FOR CONTROL.

NOT TO MENTION HER FOOTSTEPS ARE UNBALANCED AND HEAVY, WHICH MEANS SHE'S LIKELY DISABLED. DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE LIKE THIS?
...I DO INDEED.
BEFORE PEI ASCENDED, HE CROSSED BLADES WITH AN ENEMY GENERAL WHILE HE WAS ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
SHE WAS A NOBLEWOMAN WHO HAD BEEN ENAMORED WITH GENERAL PEI- SO MUCH SO THAT SHE WAS WILLING TO BREAK BOTH HER LEGS TO STAY BY HIS SIDE.

YOUR HIGHNESS? ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
WHAT WAS HER NAME?


WHAT WAS HER NAME?
YOU MEAN THAT FEMALE GENERAL?
HER NAME WAS XUAN JI.



MY BELOVED HUSBAND, PEI...

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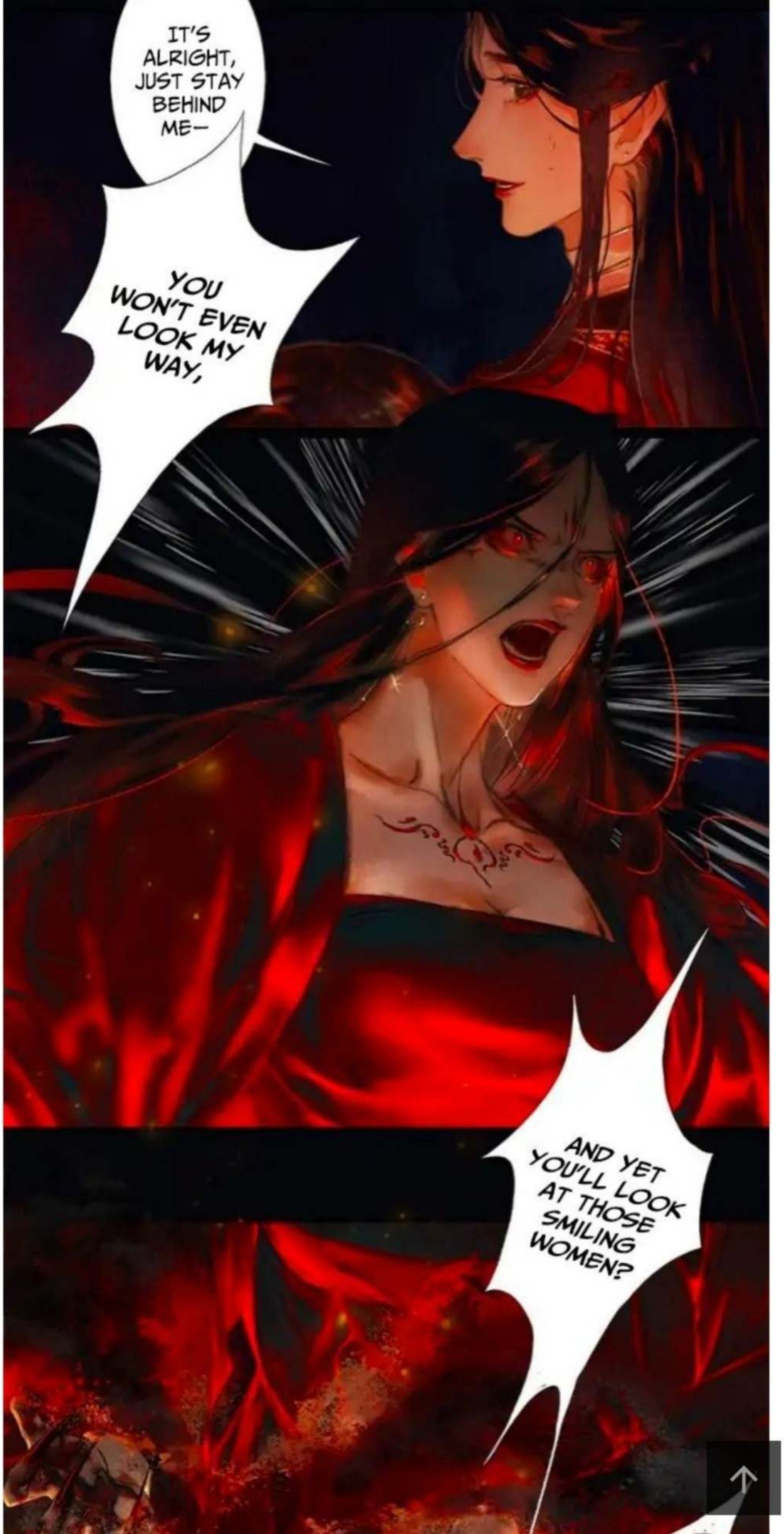
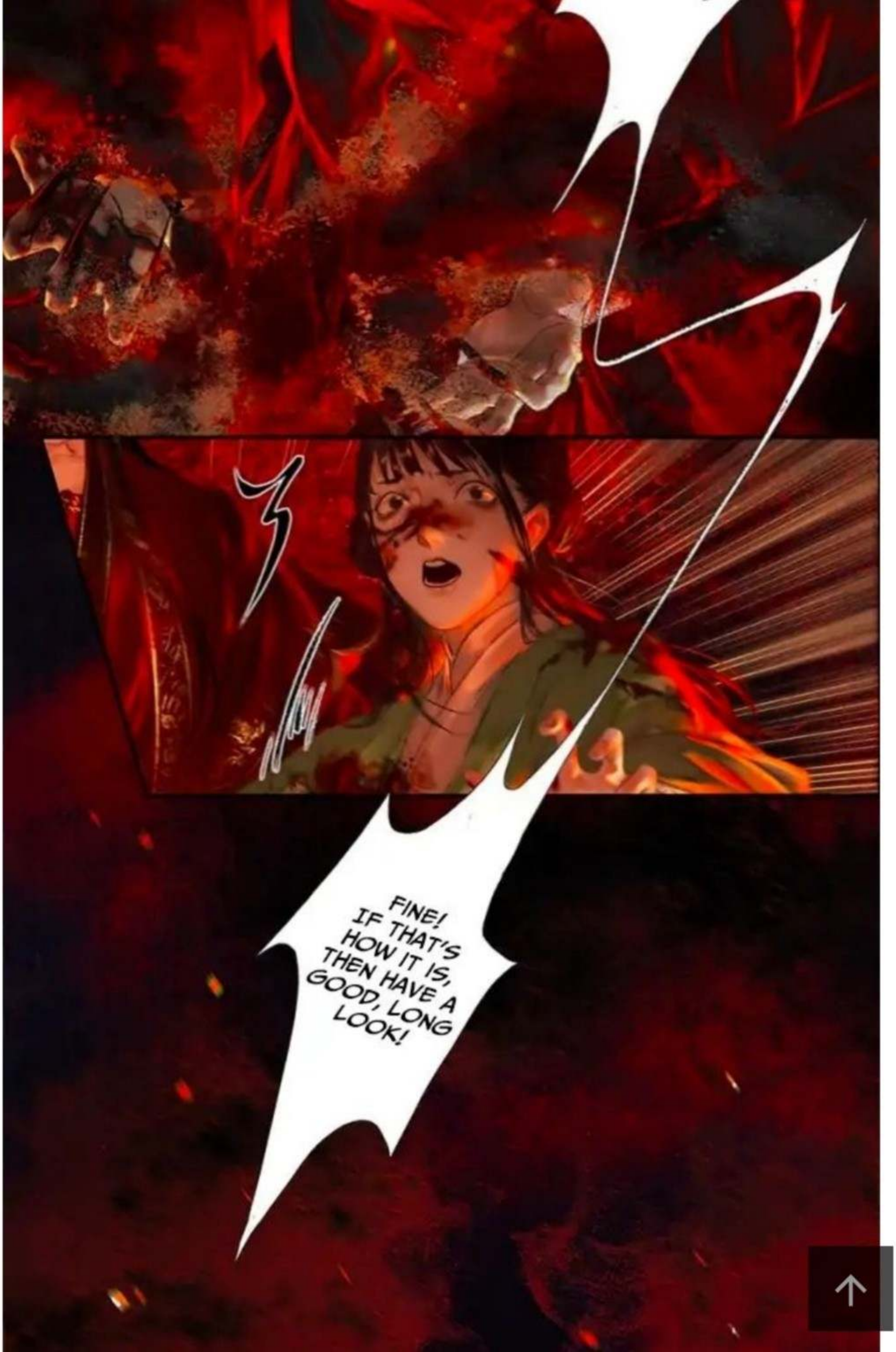
HOW COULD HE JUST LEAVE ME BEHIND LIKE THIS?!
MY LORD, PLEASE, SAVE ME!
GET OFF OF ME, YOU USELESS THING! WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN TO US IF YOU DRAW THE GHOST BRIDE'S ATTENTION?!

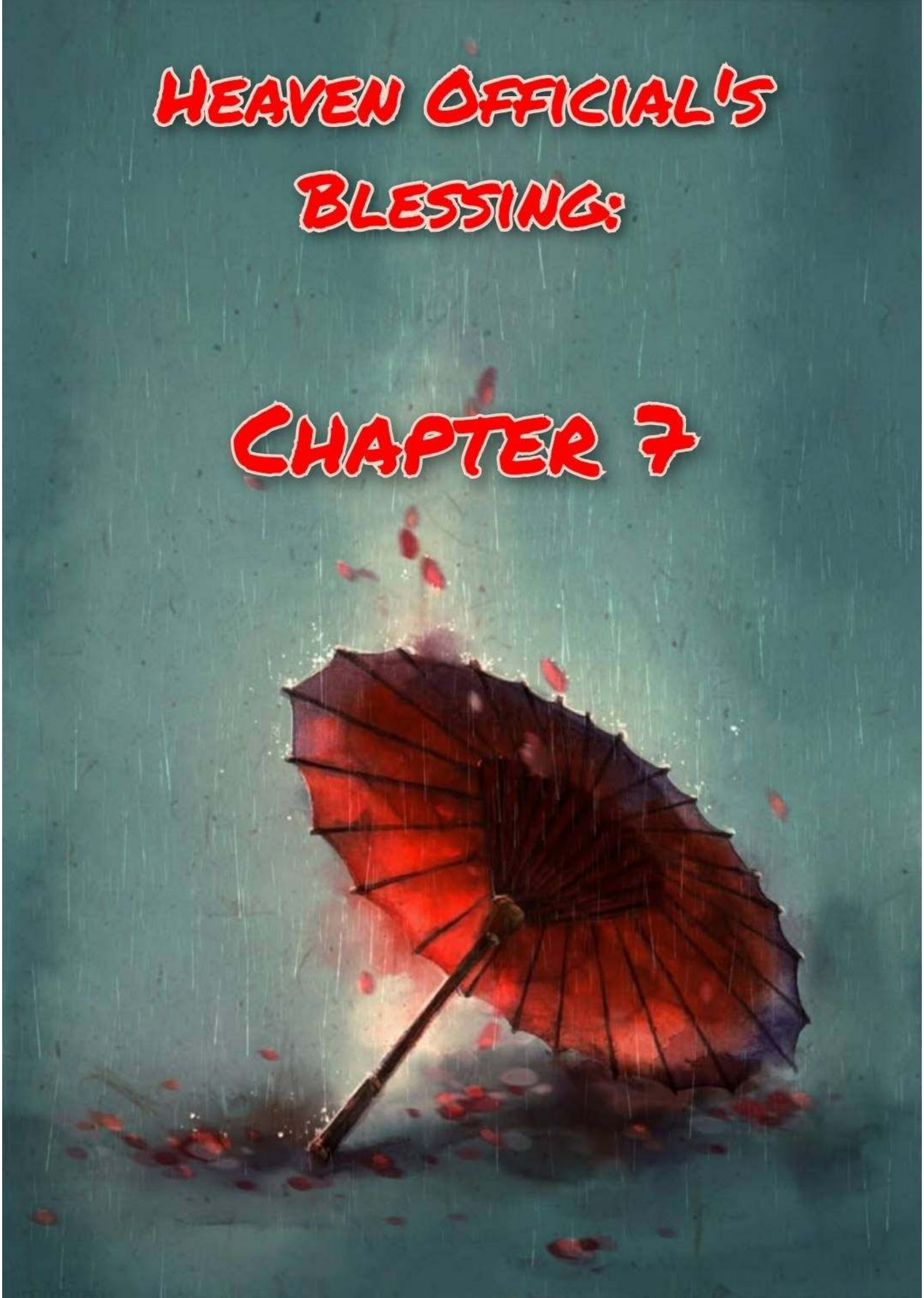
PLEASE, HELP US! HE WANTS TO TAKE THIS MAN AND TURN HIM IN AS THE 'GHOST GROOM' TO GET THE REWARD MONEY!
GET INSIDE THE FORMATION! QUICKLY!

I BURNED YOUR TEMPLES, KILLED YOUR FOLLOWERS,
JUST SO YOU WOULD COME AND SEE ME, JUST ONCE.
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY YEARS I HAVE WAITED FOR YOU?
My Lord, has she gone crazy?


IT'S ALRIGHT, JUST STAY BEHIND ME—
YOU WON'T EVEN LOOK MY WAY,
AND YET YOU'LL LOOK AT THOSE SMILING WOMEN?


FINE! IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, THEN HAVE A GOOD, LONG LOOK!

MY
LORD, BE
CAREFUL!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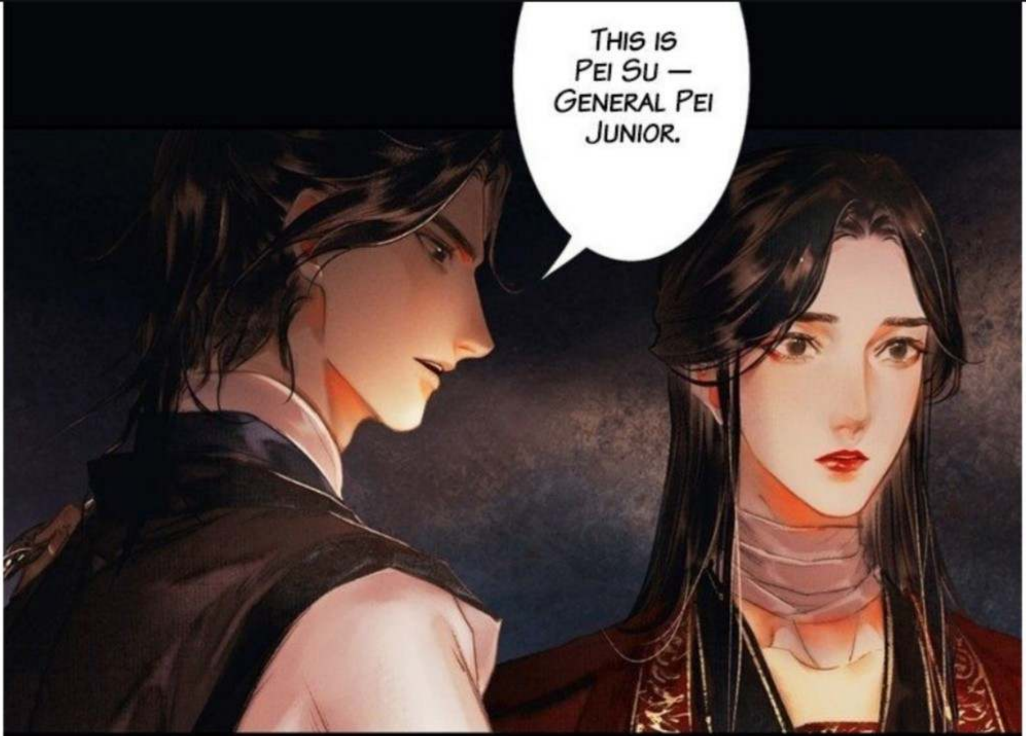

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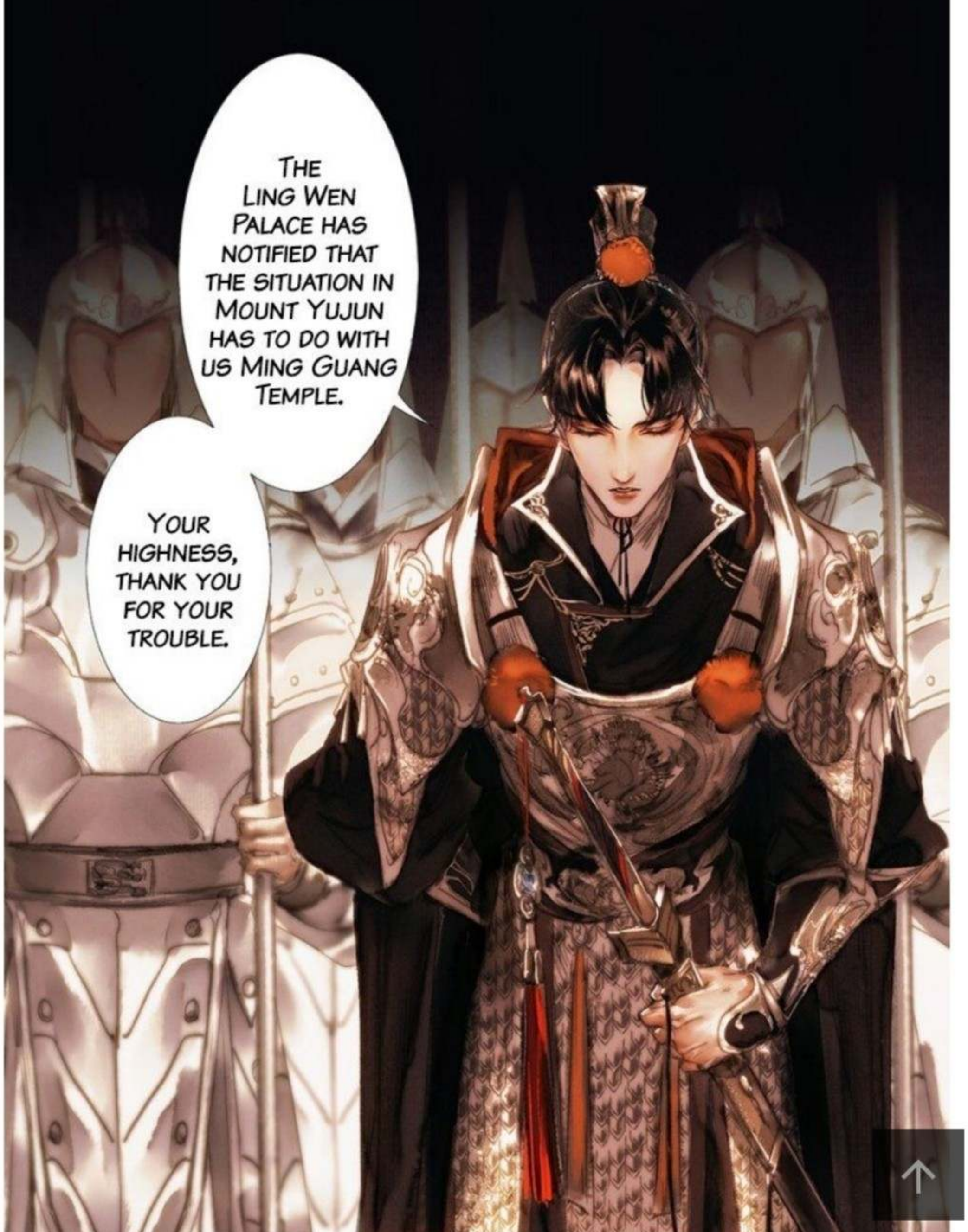
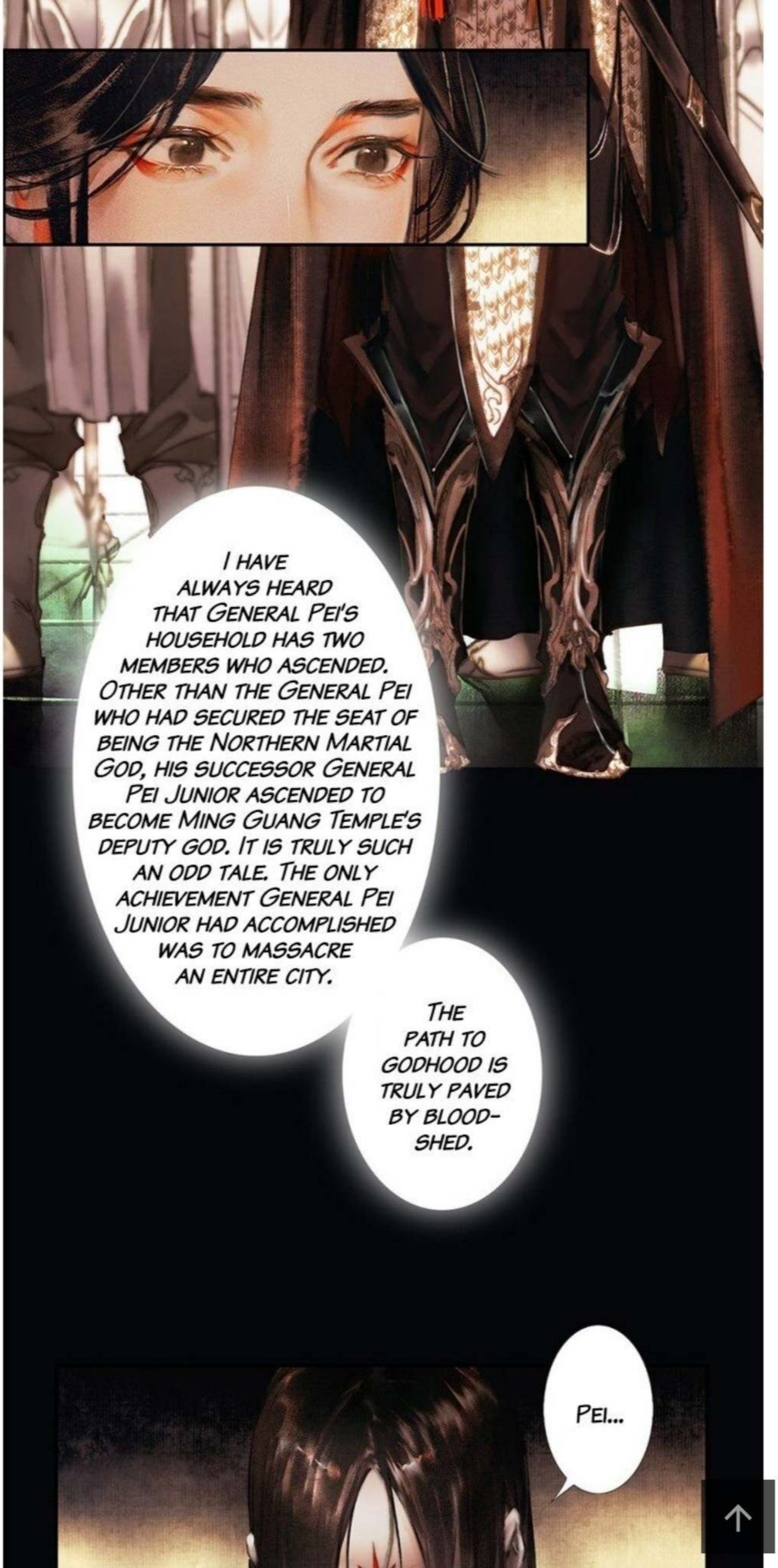
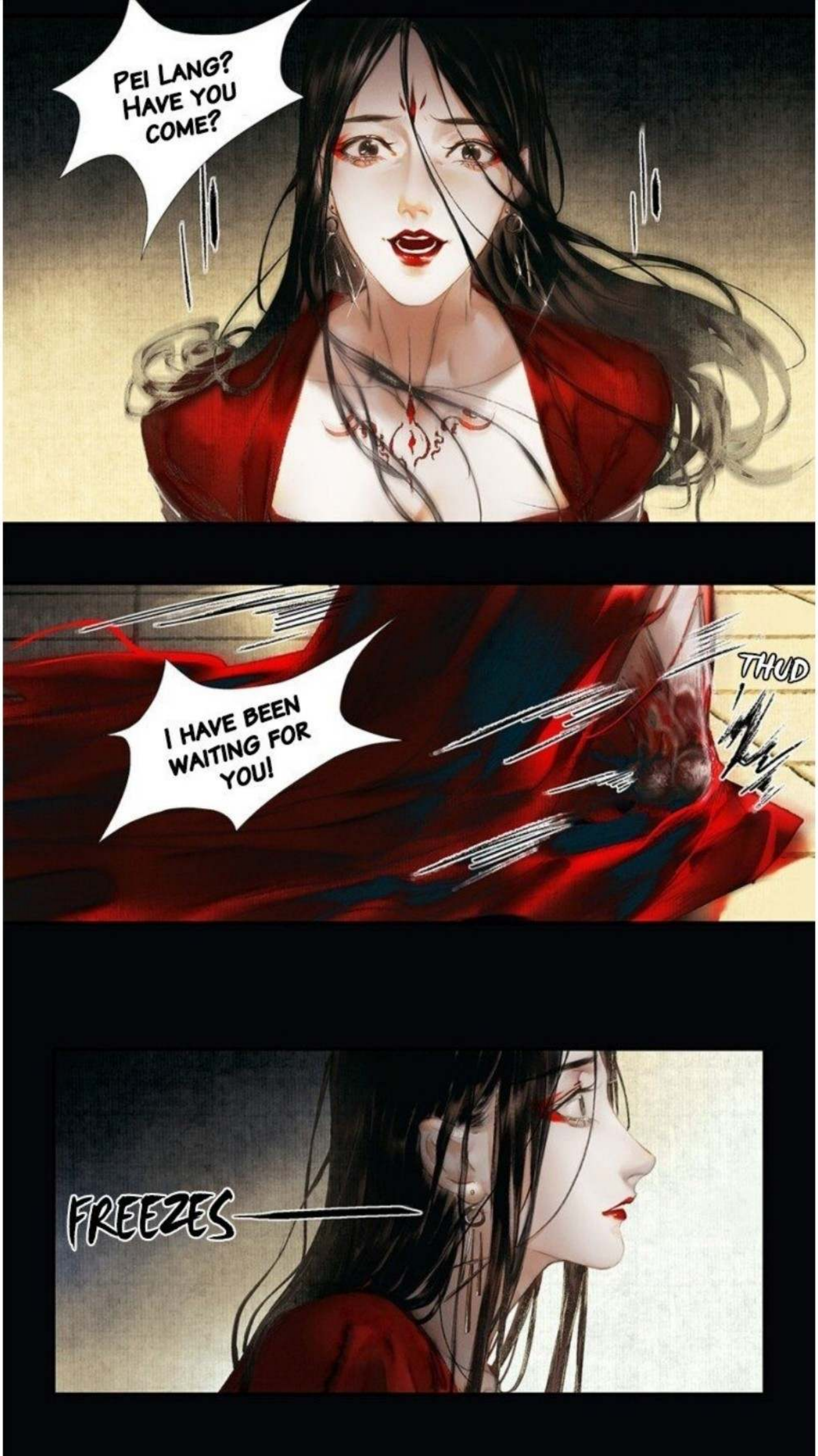
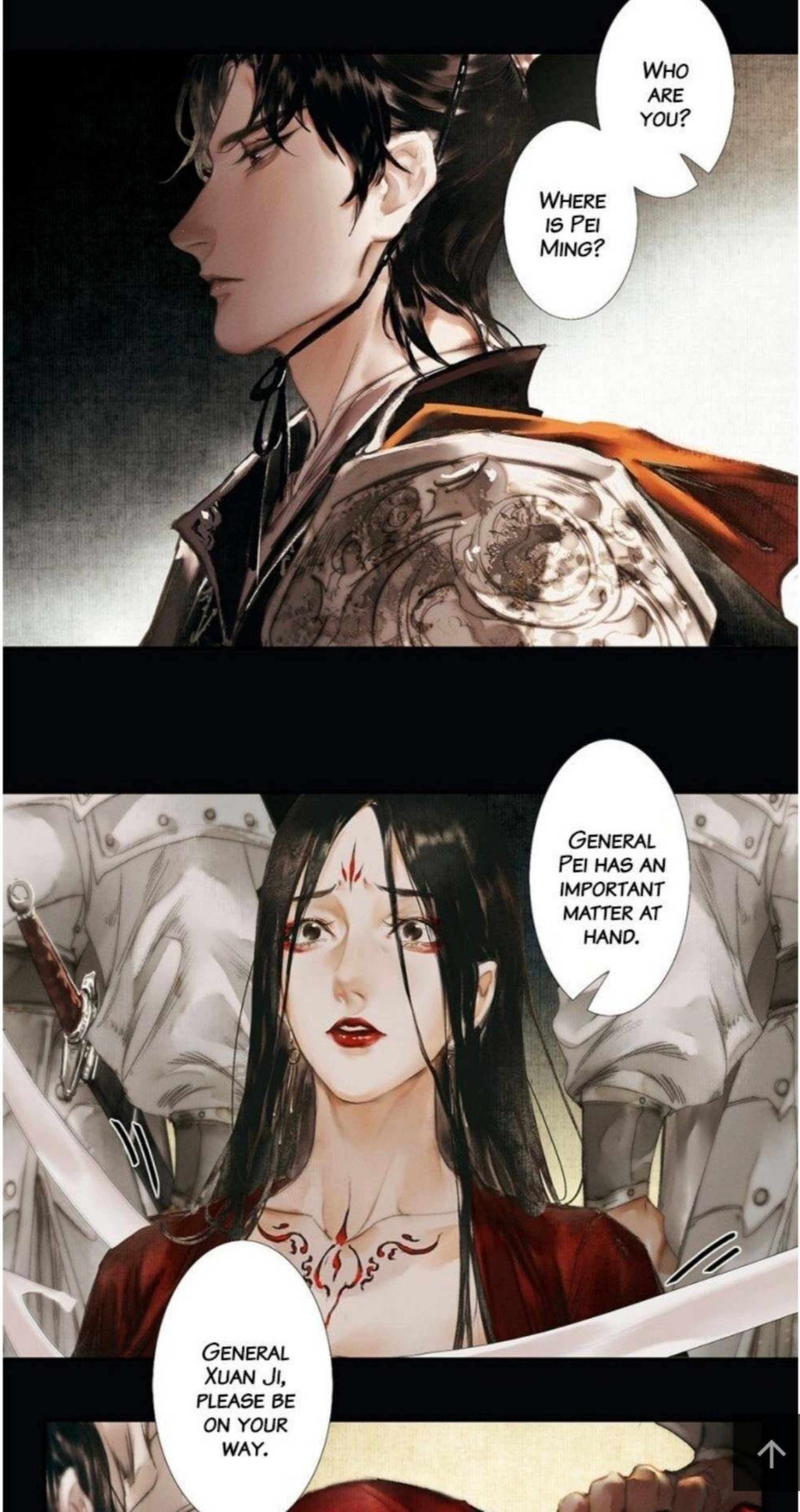



I HAVE ALWAYS HEARD THAT GENERAL PEI'S HOUSEHOLD HAS TWO MEMBERS WHO ASCENDED. OTHER THAN THE GENERAL PEI WHO HAD SECURED THE SEAT OF BEING THE NORTHERN MARTIAL GOD, HIS SUCCESSOR GENERAL PEI JUNIOR ASCENDED TO BECOME MING GUANG TEMPLE'S DEPUTY GOD. IT IS TRULY SUCH AN ODD TALE. THE ONLY ACHIEVEMENT GENERAL PEI JUNIOR HAD ACCOMPLISHED WAS TO MASSACRE AN ENTIRE CITY.
THE PATH TO GODHOOD IS TRULY PAVED BY BLOOD-SHED.
PEI...


PEI LANG? HAVE YOU COME?
I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
THUD
FREEZES


WHO ARE YOU?
WHERE IS PEI MING?
GENERAL PEI HAS AN IMPORTANT MATTER AT HAND.
GENERAL XUAN JI, PLEASE BE ON YOUR WAY.

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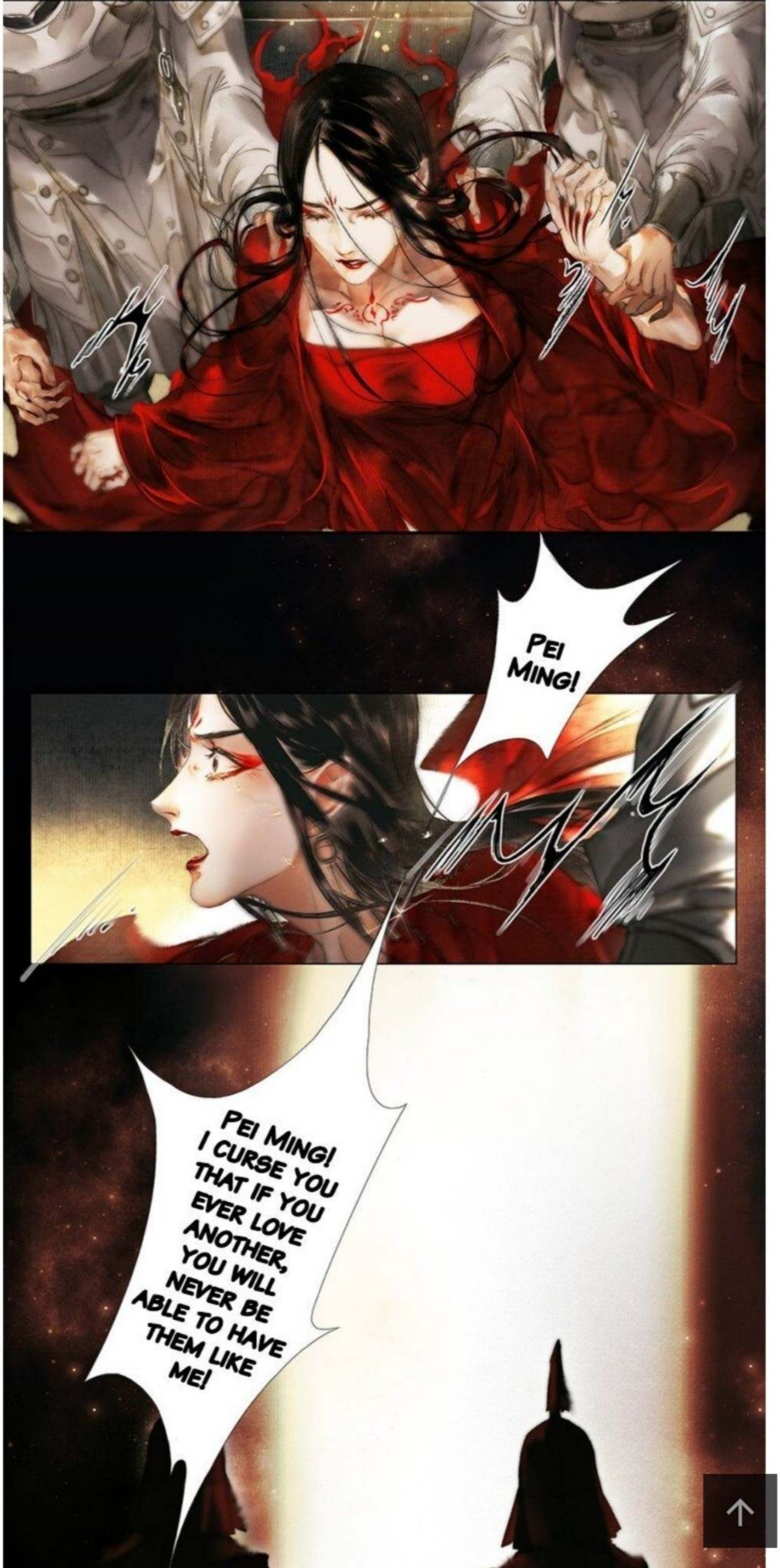
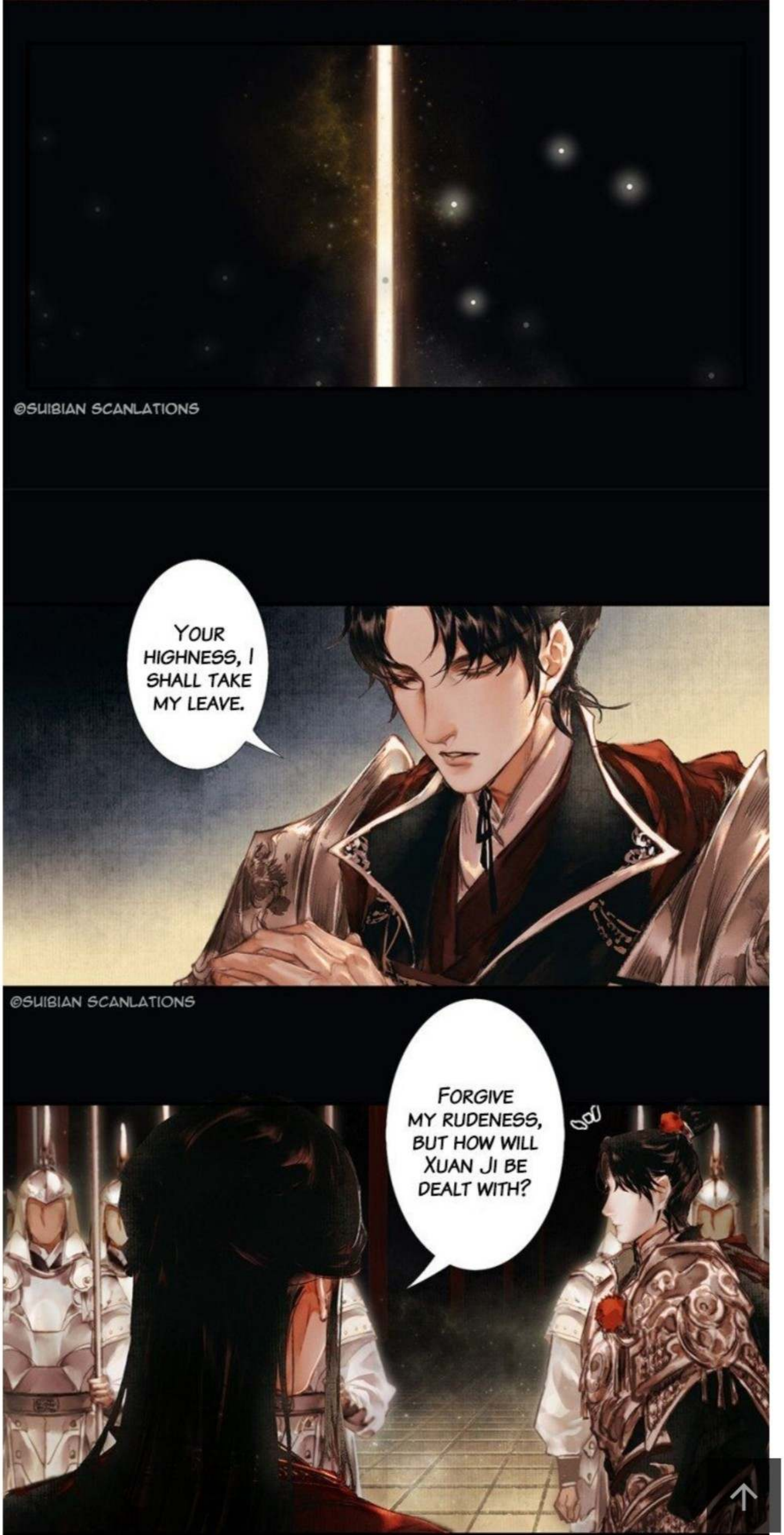
TO SEE HIM, I AM WILLING TO CROSS HALF THE COUNTRY WITHIN A NIGHT.
JUST WHAT KIND OF IMPORTANT MATTER WOULD HE HAVE THAT HE WOULDN'T EVEN COME AND SEE ME ONCE?
HE IS ONLY REFUSING TO COME...


PEI MING!
PEI MING! I CURSE YOU THAT IF YOU EVER LOVE ANOTHER, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO HAVE THEM LIKE ME!

THEM LIKE ME!
BE ENGULFED IN THE FLAMES OF LOVE FOR ETERNITY!



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YOUR HIGHNESS, I SHALL TAKE MY LEAVE.
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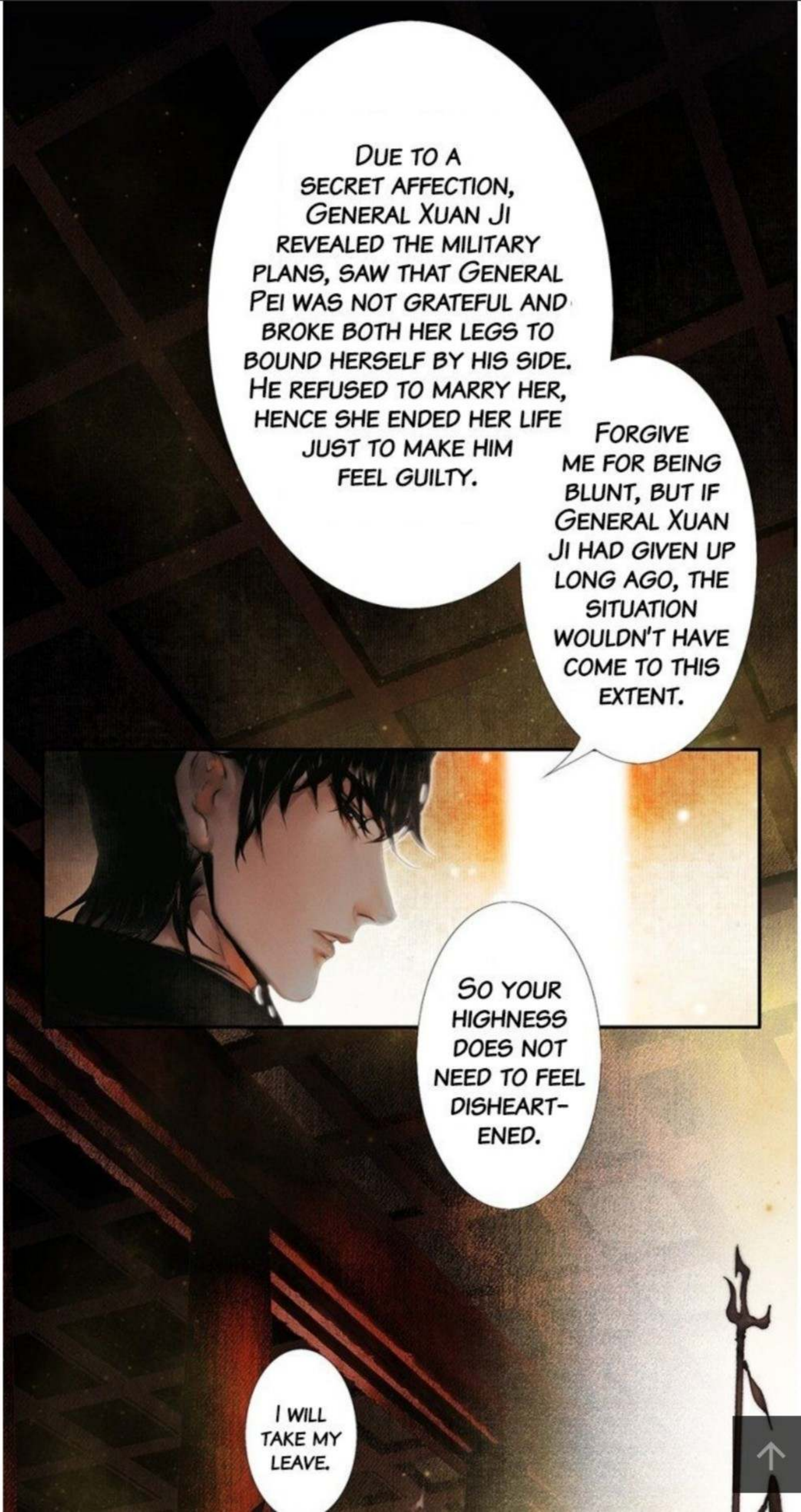
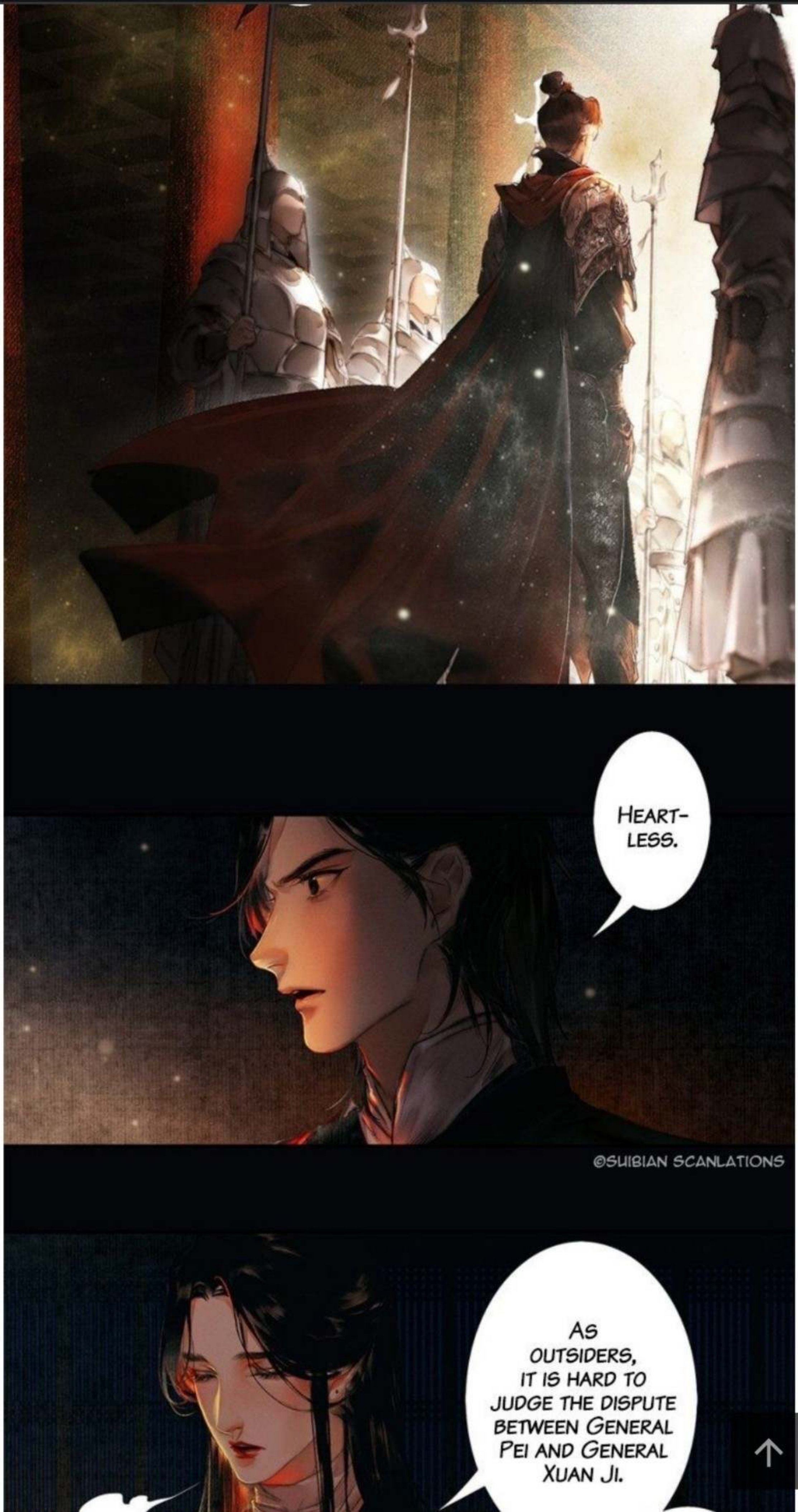
FORGIVE MY RUDENESS, BUT HOW WILL XUAN JI BE DEALT WITH?

SHE WILL BE RESTRAINED BENEATH A MOUNTAIN.
IF HER LONGING DOES NOT FADE, THEN I AM AFRAID THIS WOULD NOT BE A LONG-TERM SOLUTION.
DOES YOUR HIGHNESS FIND HER PITIFUL?


Due to a secret affection, General Xuan Ji revealed the military plans, saw that General Pei was not grateful and broke both her legs to bound herself by his side. He refused to marry her, hence she ended her life just to make him feel guilty.
Forgive me for being blunt, but if General Xuan Ji had given up long ago, the situation wouldn't have come to this extent.
So your highness does not need to feel disheart- ened.
I will take my leave.


HEART-LESS.
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AS OUTSIDERS, IT IS HARD TO JUDGE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN GENERAL PEI AND GENERAL XUAN JI.

As outsiders, it is hard to judge the dispute between General Pei and General Xuan Ji.
It's just a pity that those innocent brides...had to meet with such a harsh and unreasonable misfortune.
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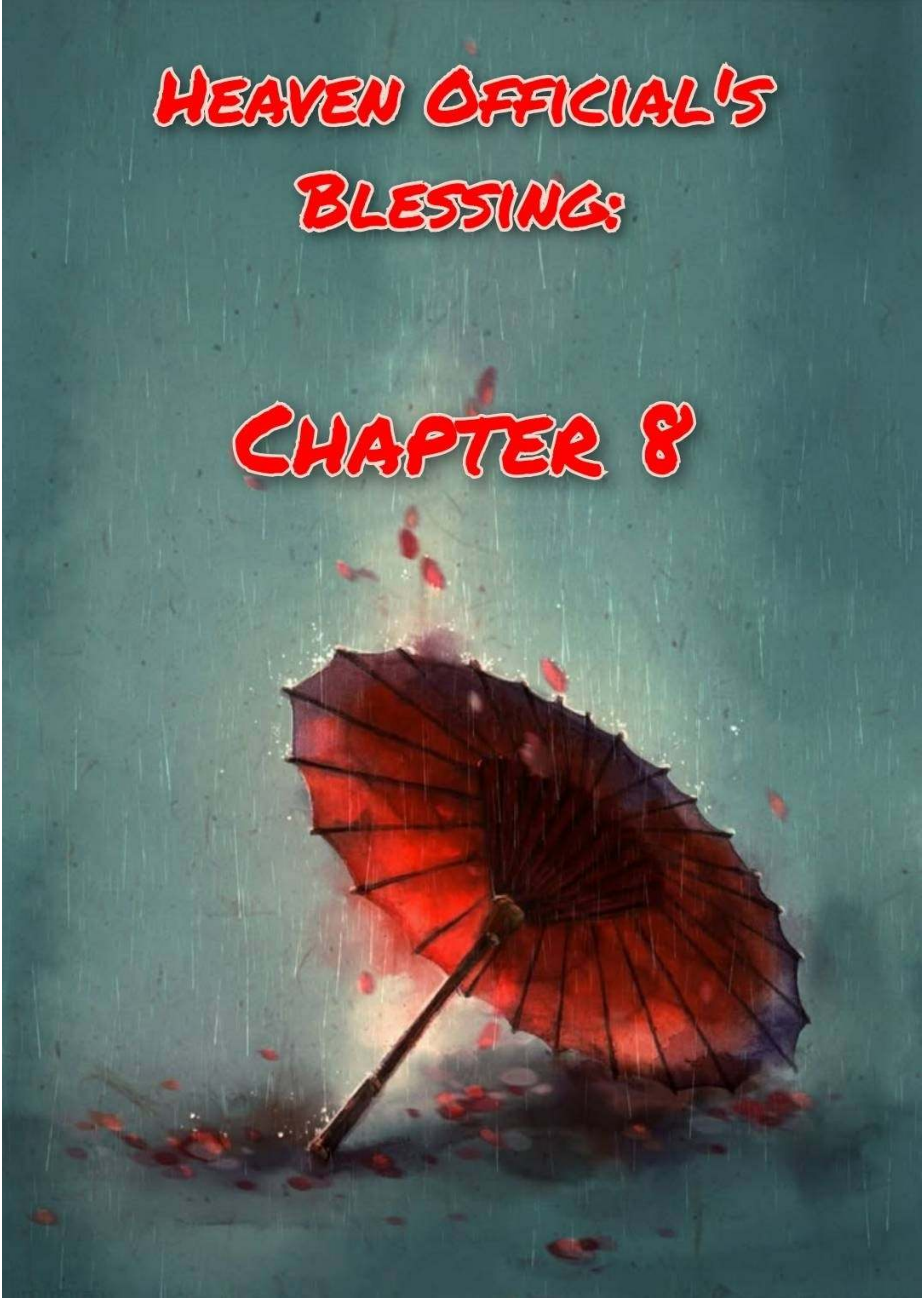
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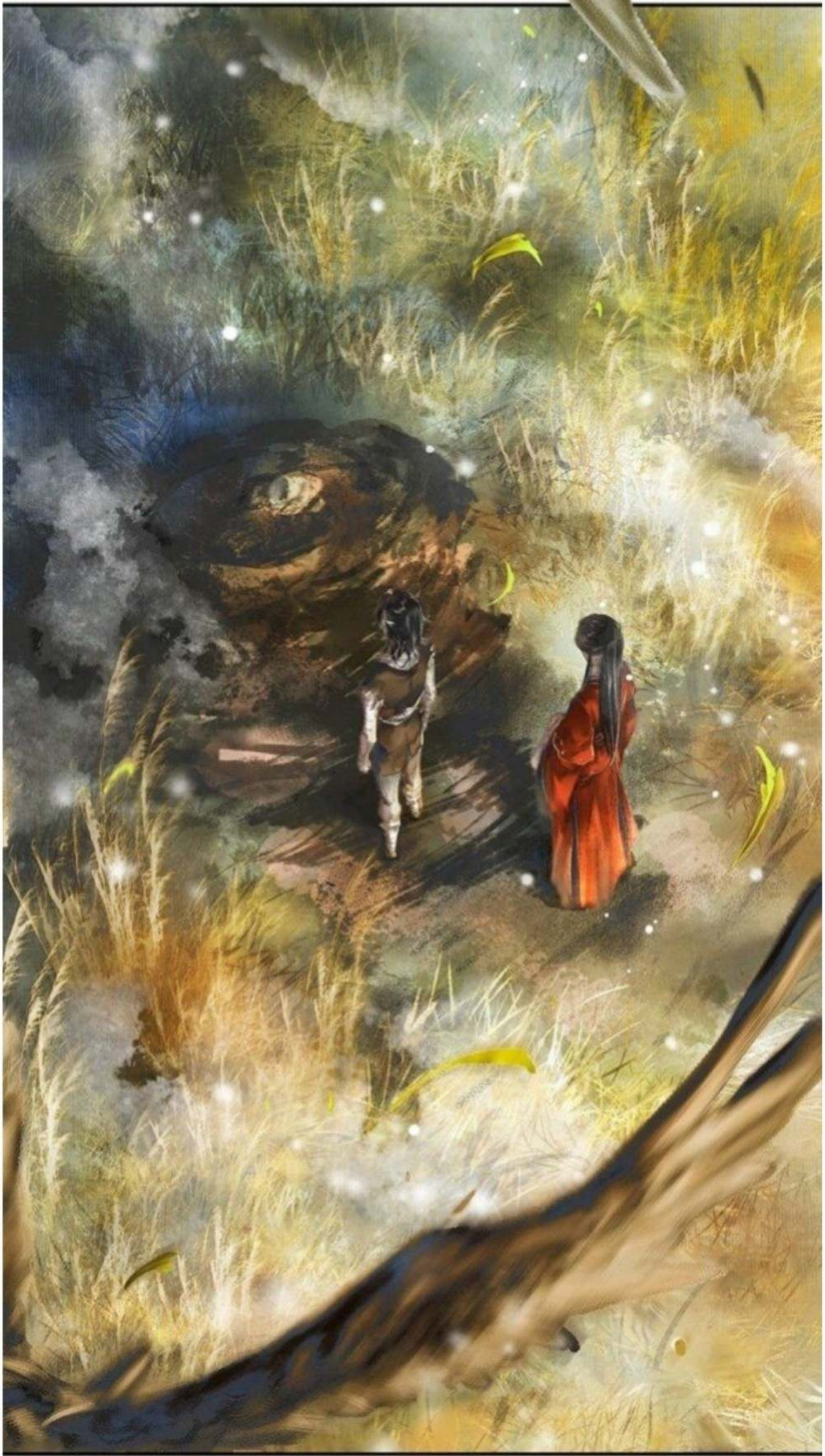

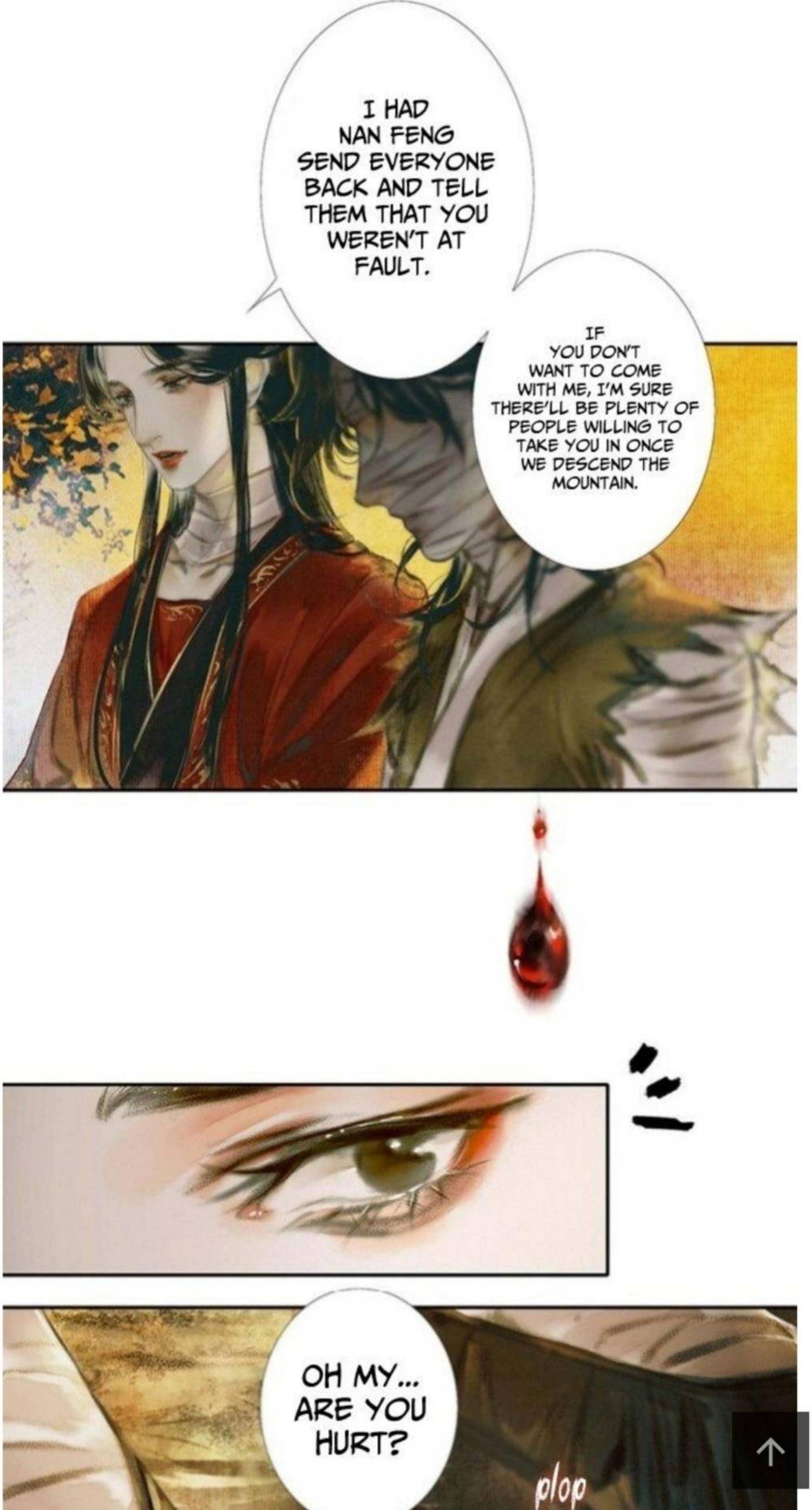
I HAD NAN FENG SEND EVERYONE BACK AND TELL THEM THAT YOU WEREN'T AT FAULT.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO COME WITH ME, I'M SURE THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WILLING TO TAKE YOU IN ONCE WE DESCEND THE MOUNTAIN.
OH MY... ARE YOU HURT?
plop

OH MY... ARE YOU HURT?
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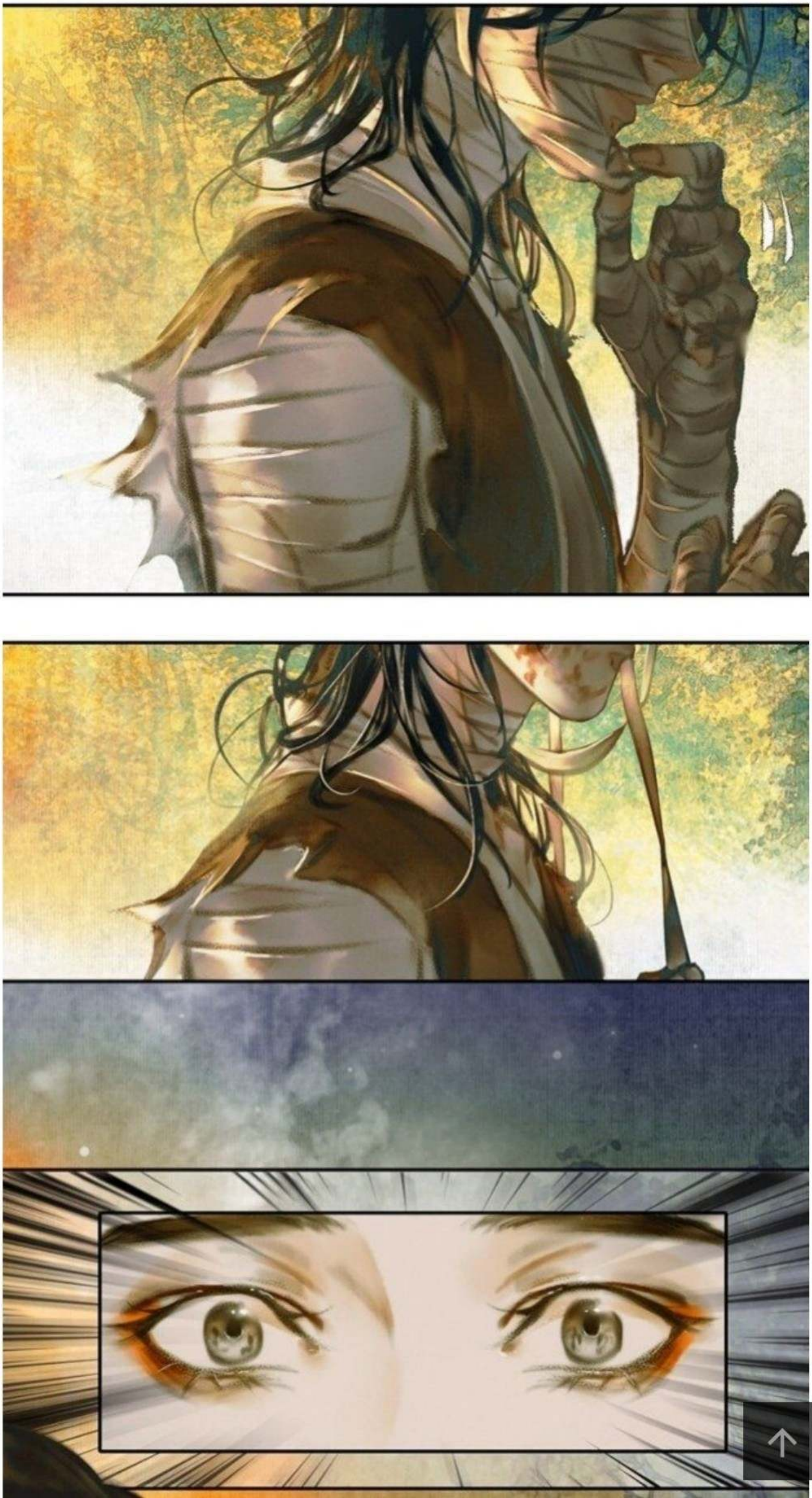
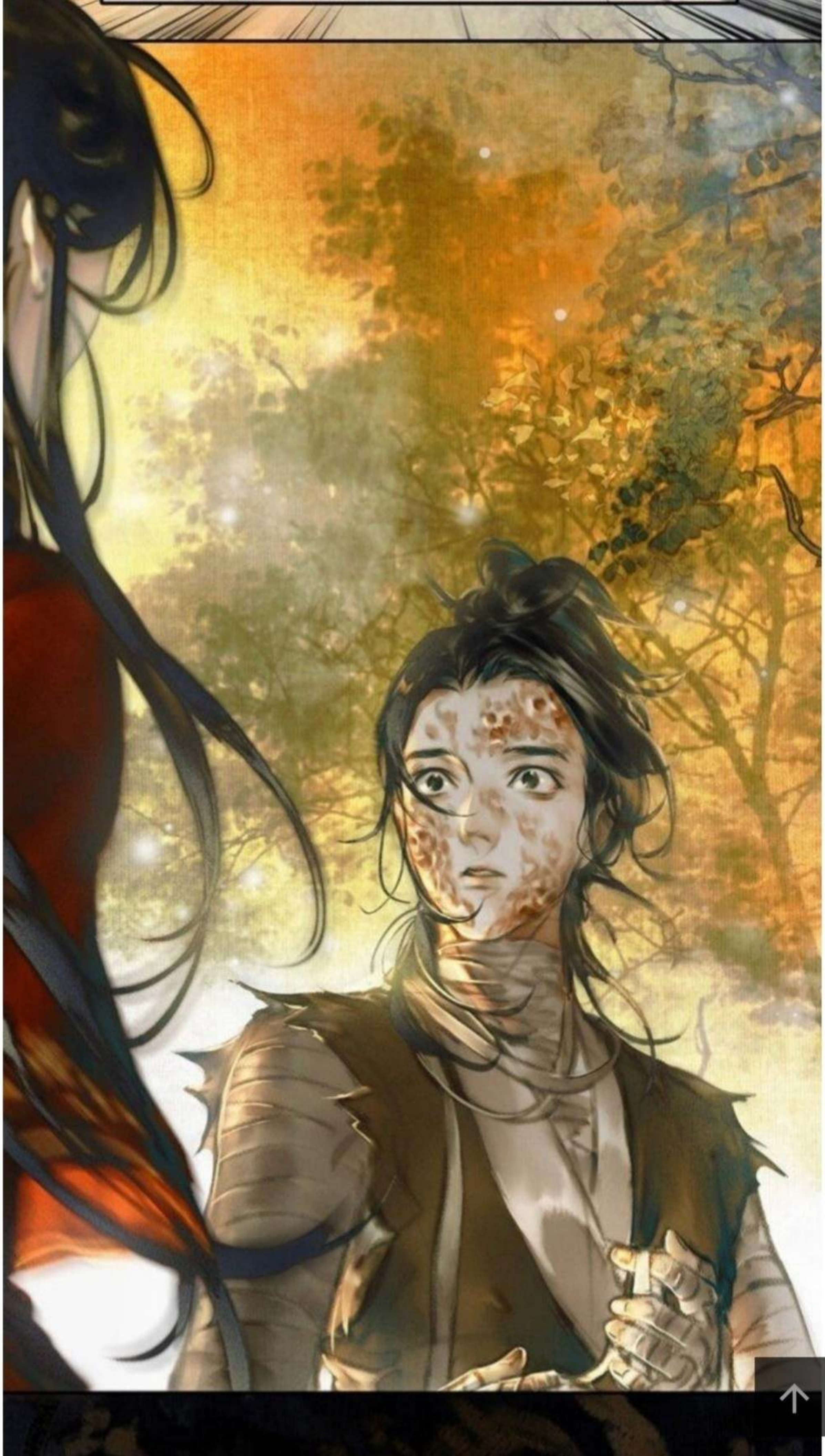
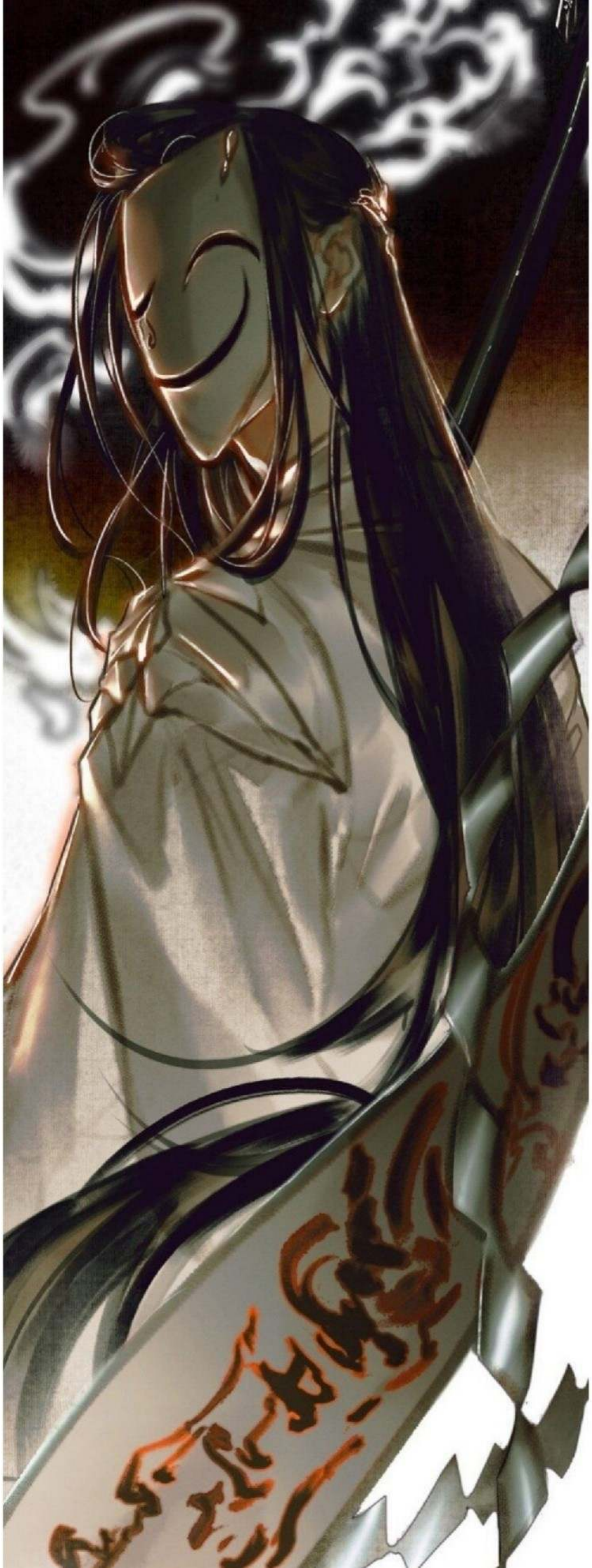
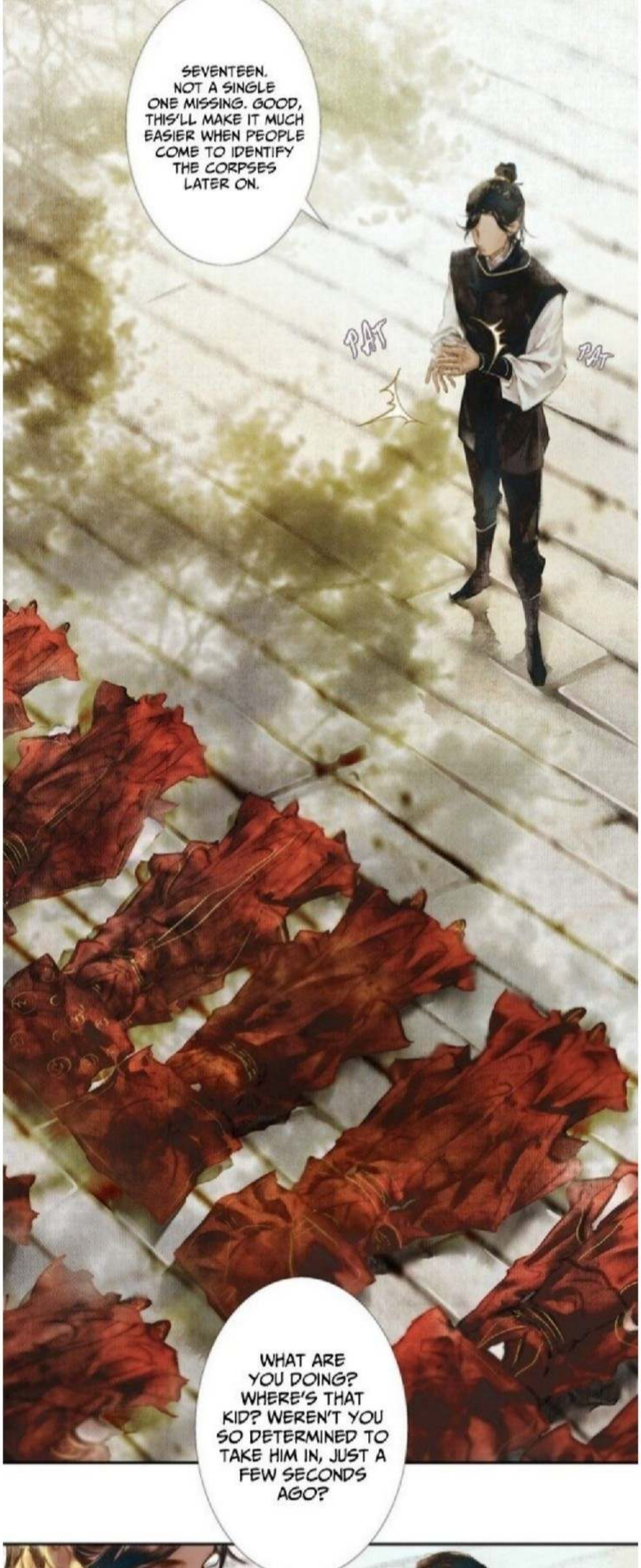
HERE, LET ME TAKE A—
Look...

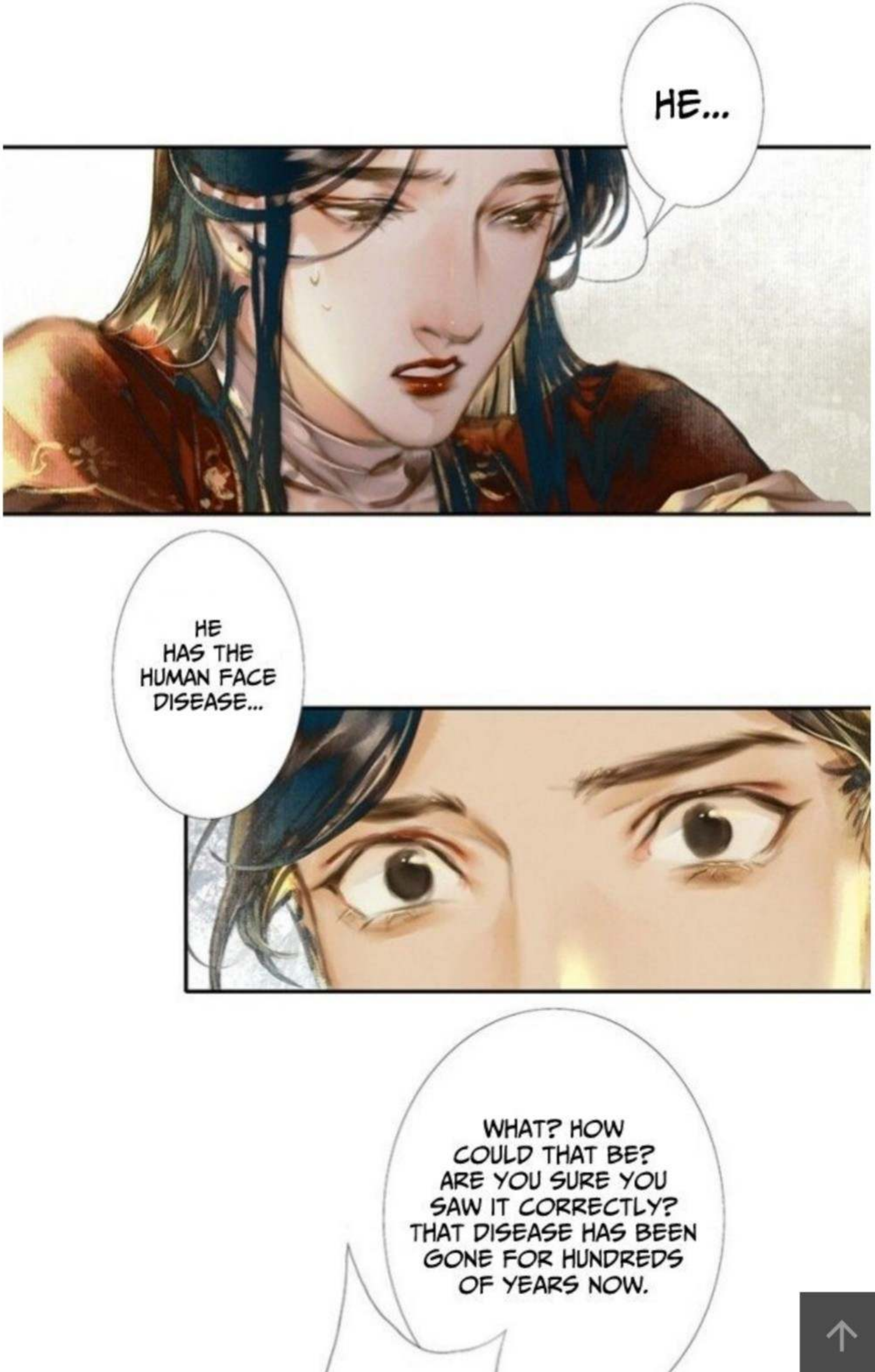
DON'T WORRY, YOUR FACE WON'T SCARE ME. I'VE SEEN FAR WORSE THINGS.

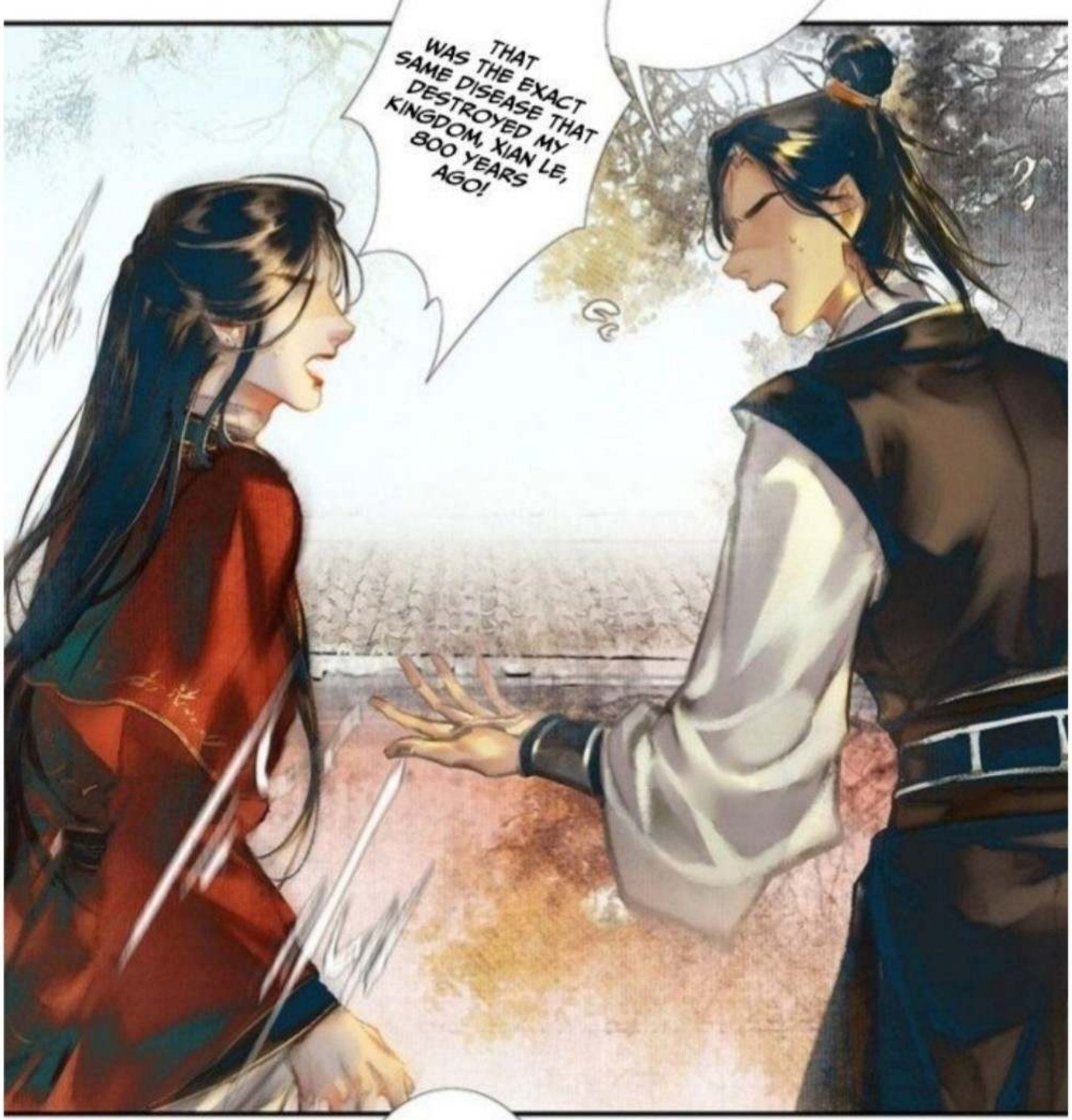




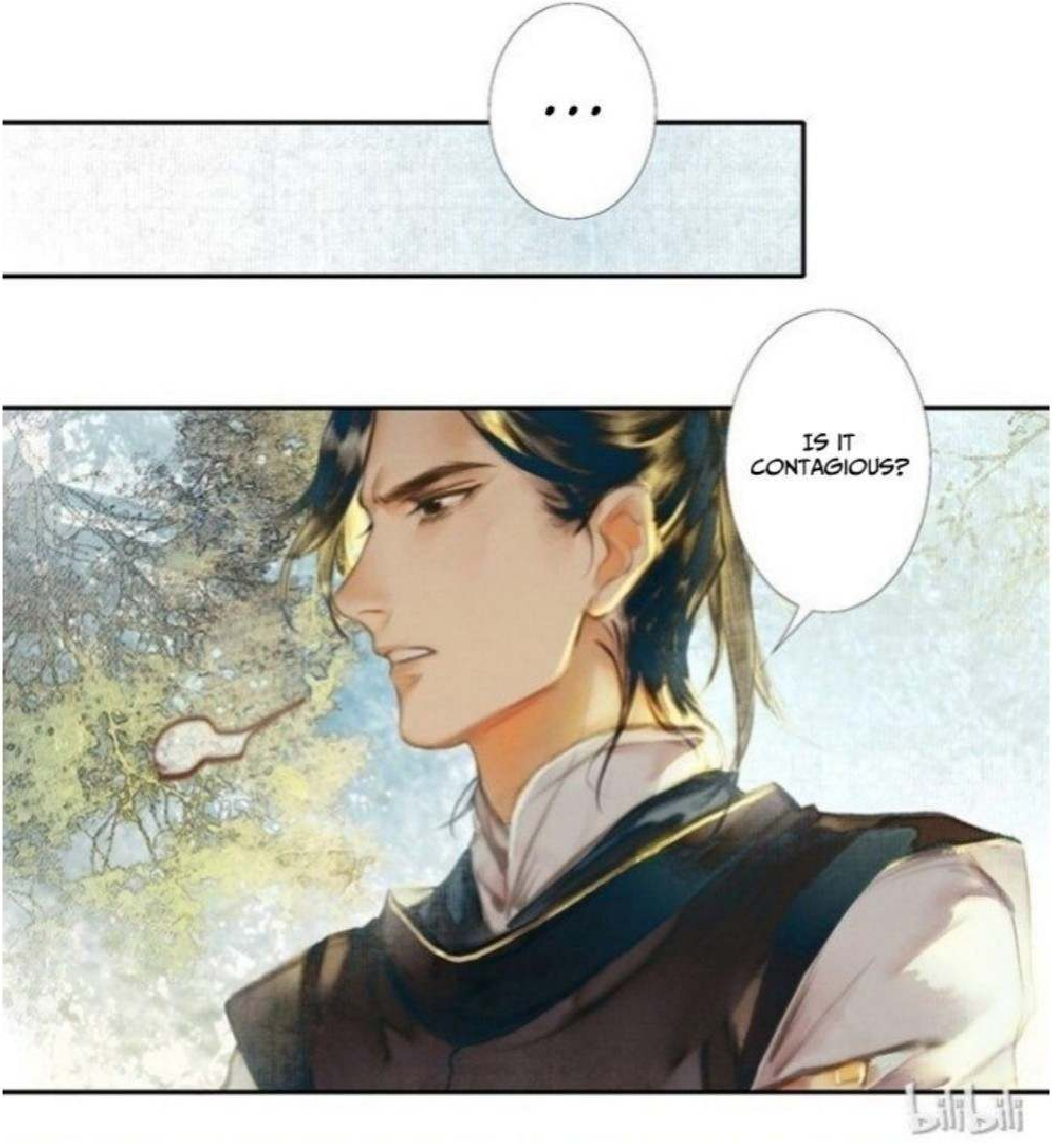



SEVENTEEN. NOT A SINGLE ONE MISSING. GOOD, THIS'LL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER WHEN PEOPLE COME TO IDENTIFY THE CORPSES LATER ON.
PAT
PAT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHERE'S THAT KID? WEREN'T YOU SO DETERMINED TO TAKE HIM IN, JUST A FEW SECONDS AGO?


HE...
HE HAS THE HUMAN FACE DISEASE...
WHAT? HOW COULD THAT BE? ARE YOU SURE YOU SAW IT CORRECTLY? THAT DISEASE HAS BEEN GONE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS NOW.


THAT WAS THE EXACT SAME DISEASE THAT DESTROYED MY KINGDOM, XIAN LE, 800 YEARS AGO!

SOMEONE ELSE MAY MAKE A MISTAKE WHEN IDENTIFYING IT,
BUT NOT ME! I COULD NEVER MISTAKE IT!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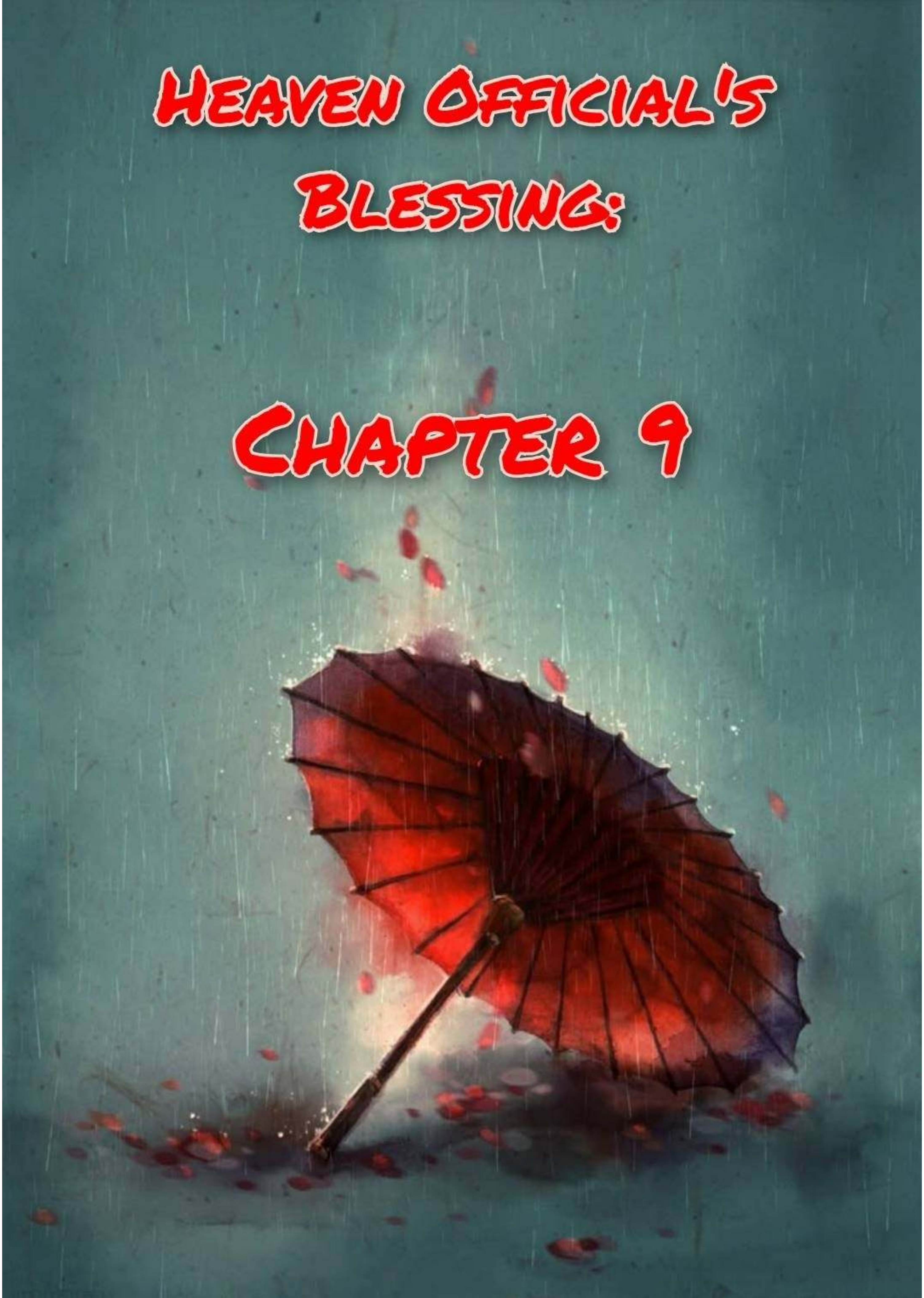
IS IT CONTAGIOUS?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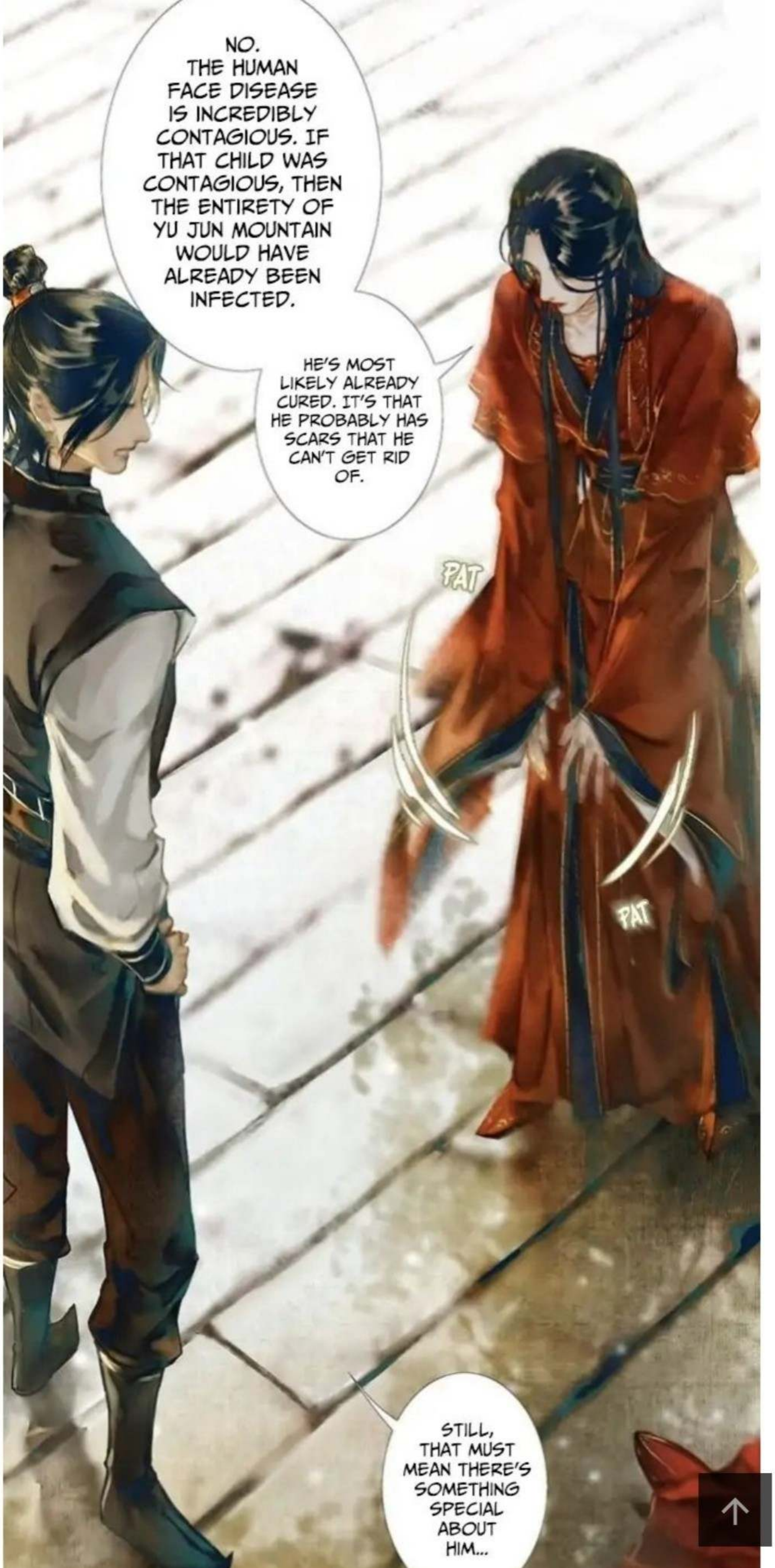
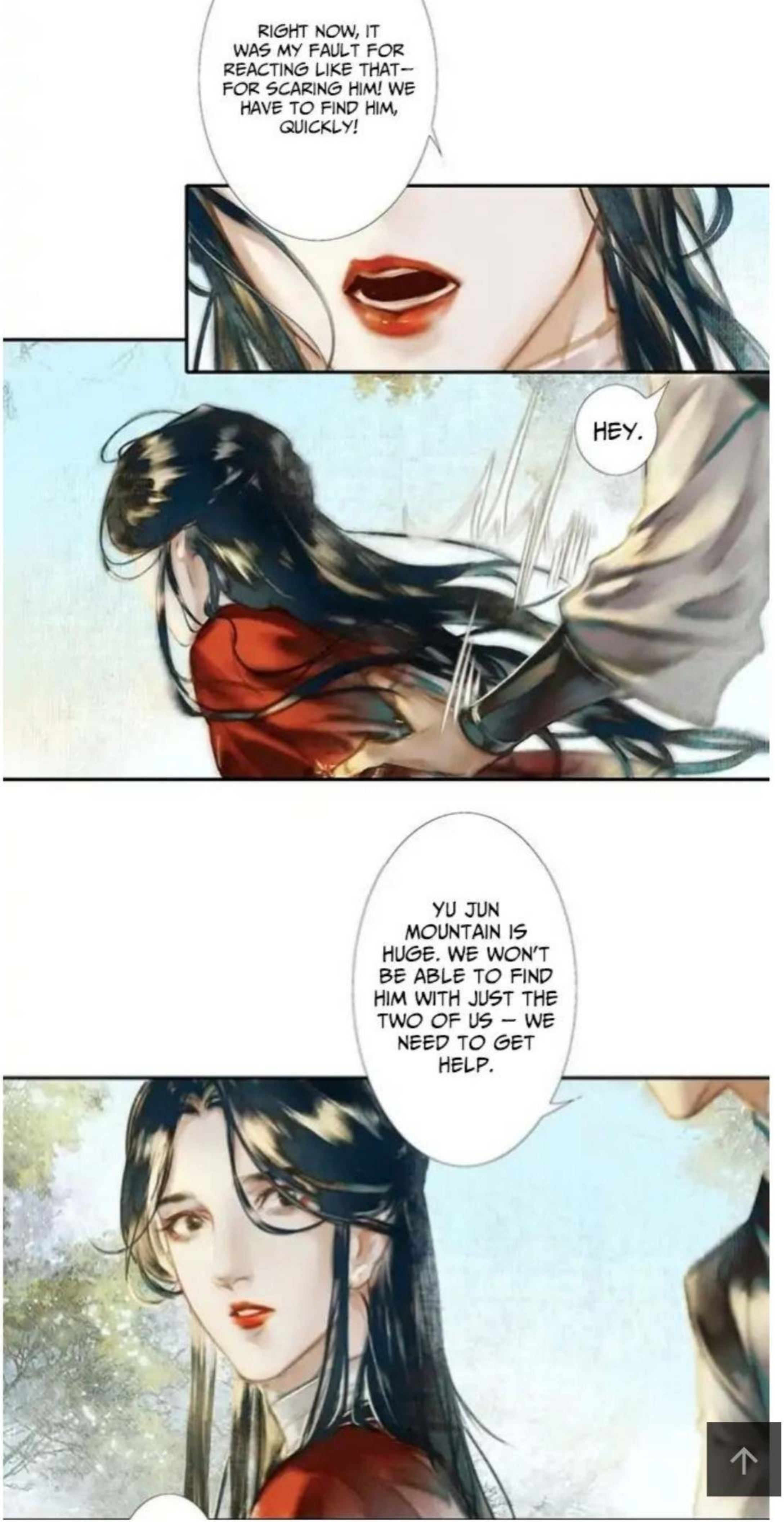
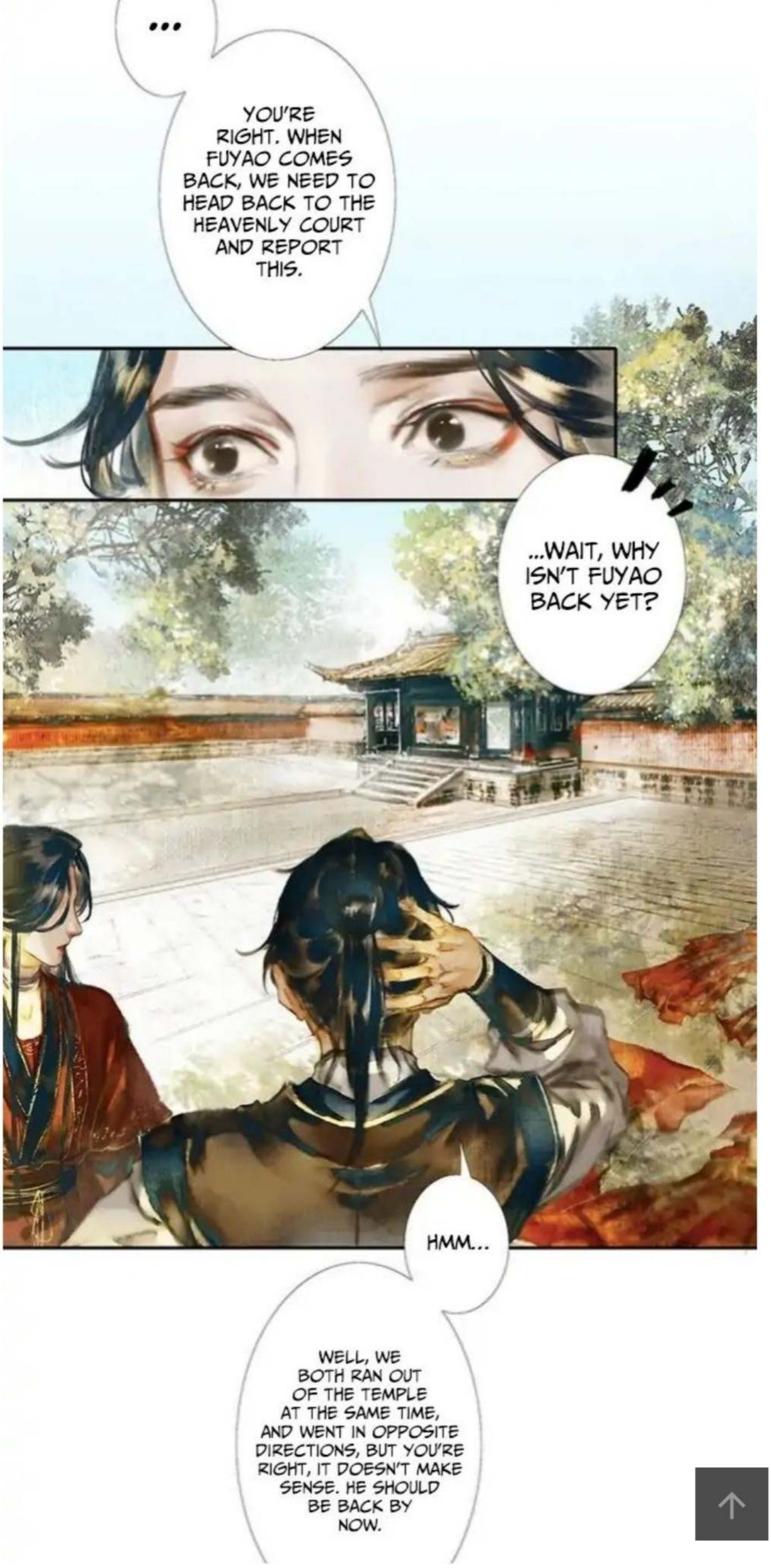
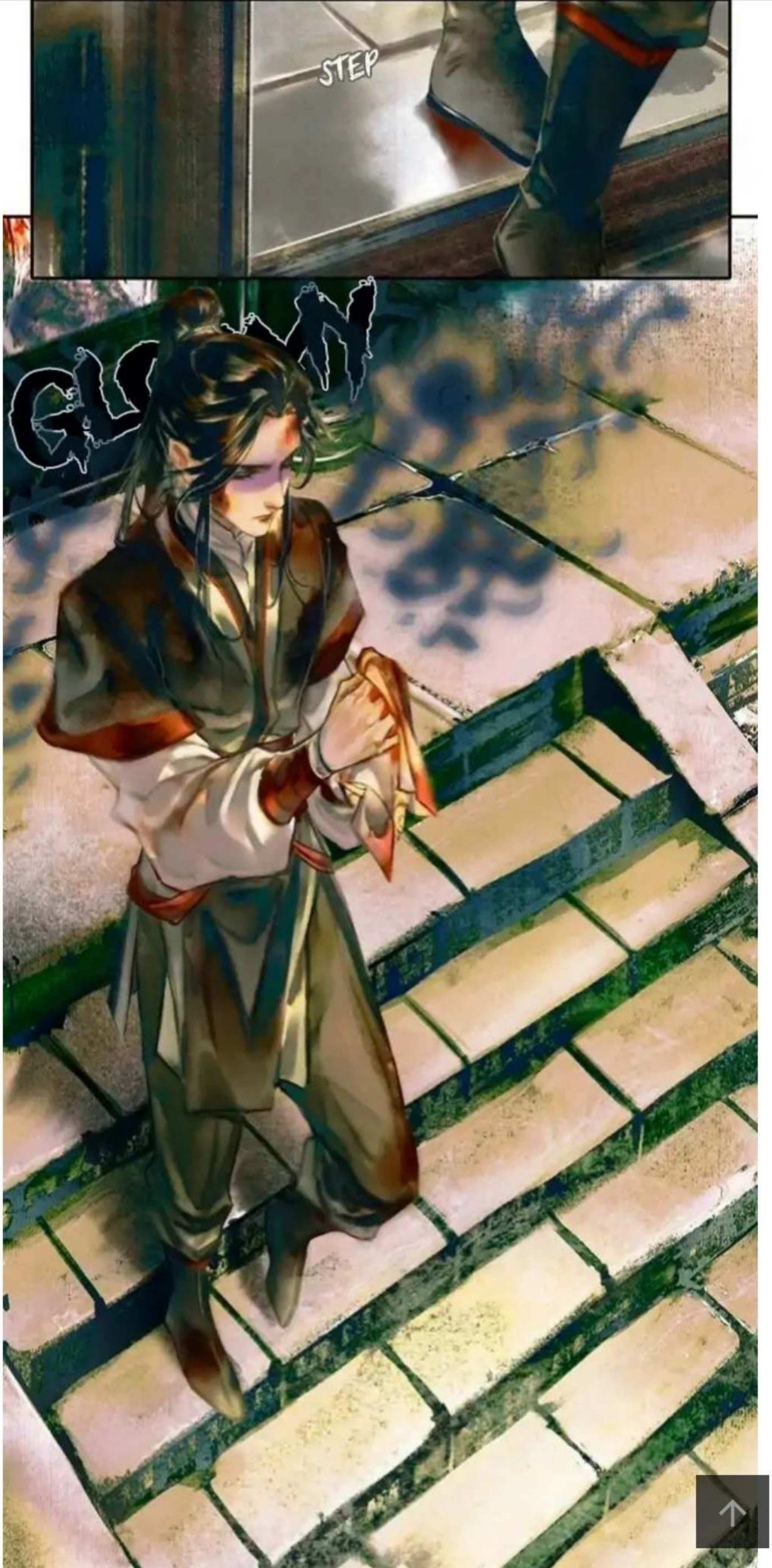
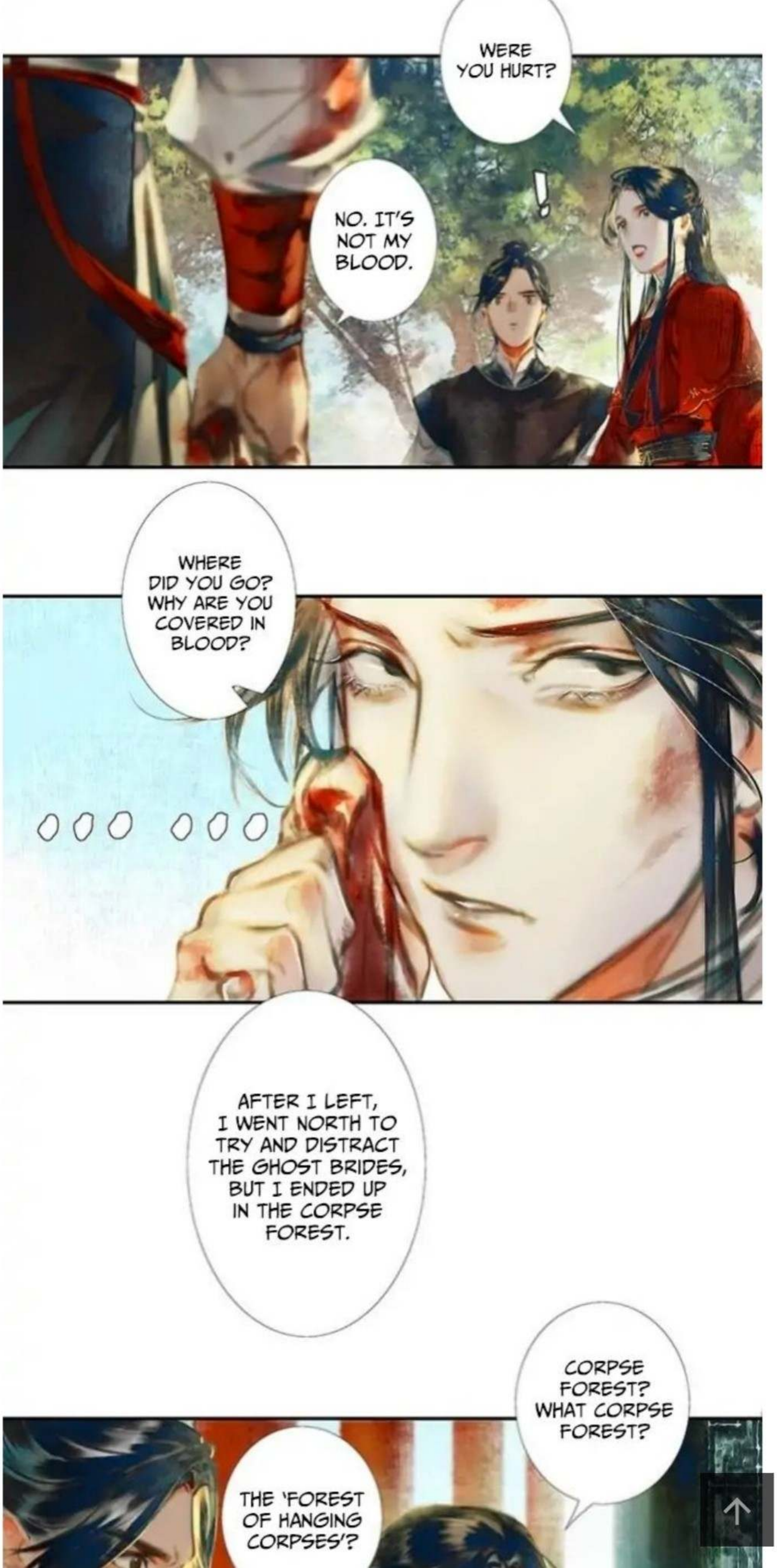

NO. THE HUMAN FACE DISEASE IS INCREDIBLY CONTAGIOUS. IF THAT CHILD WAS CONTAGIOUS, THEN THE ENTIRETY OF YU JUN MOUNTAIN WOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFECTED.
HE'S MOST LIKELY ALREADY CURED. IT'S THAT HE PROBABLY HAS SCARS THAT HE CAN'T GET RID OF.
PAT
PAT
STILL, THAT MUST MEAN THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT HIM...


RIGHT NOW, IT WAS MY FAULT FOR REACTING LIKE THAT— FOR SCARING HIM! WE HAVE TO FIND HIM, QUICKLY!
HEY.
YU JUN MOUNTAIN IS HUGE. WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND HIM WITH JUST THE TWO OF US – WE NEED TO GET HELP.


...
YOU'RE RIGHT. WHEN FUYAO COMES BACK, WE NEED TO HEAD BACK TO THE HEAVENLY COURT AND REPORT THIS.
...WAIT, WHY ISN'T FUYAO BACK YET?
HMM...
WELL, WE BOTH RAN OUT OF THE TEMPLE AT THE SAME TIME, AND WENT IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. HE SHOULD BE BACK BY NOW.

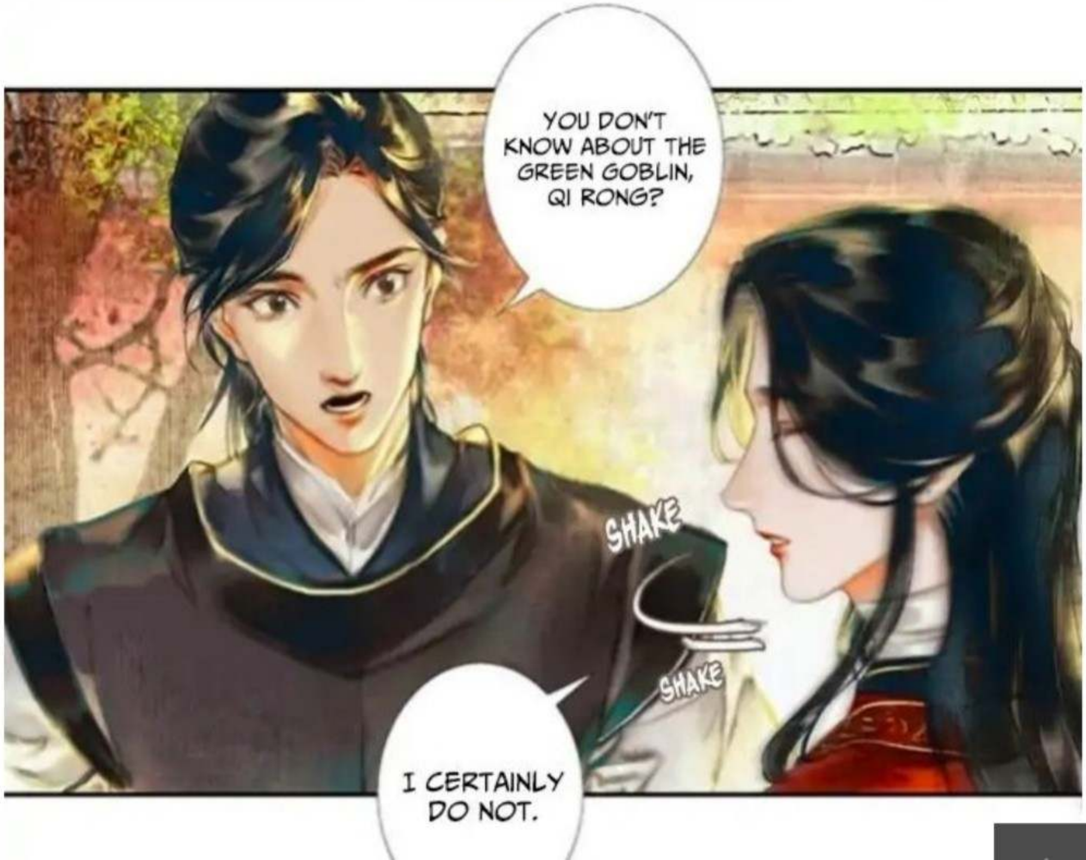

STEP

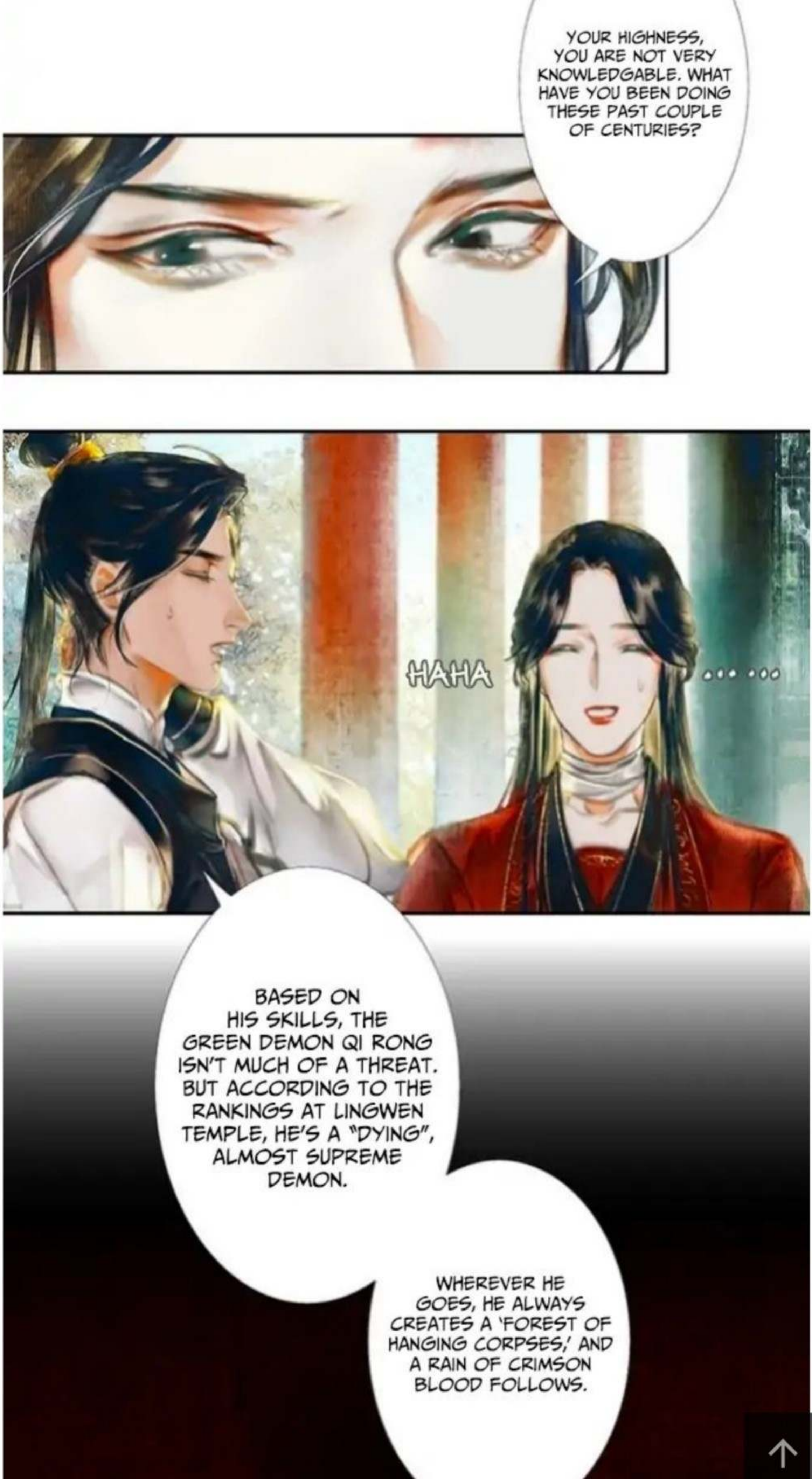

WERE YOU HURT?
!
NO. IT'S NOT MY BLOOD.
WHERE DID YOU GO? WHY ARE YOU COVERED IN BLOOD?
AFTER I LEFT, I WENT NORTH TO TRY AND DISTRACT THE GHOST BRIDES, BUT I ENDED UP IN THE CORPSE FOREST.
CORPSE FOREST? WHAT CORPSE FOREST?
THE 'FOREST OF HANGING CORPSES'?

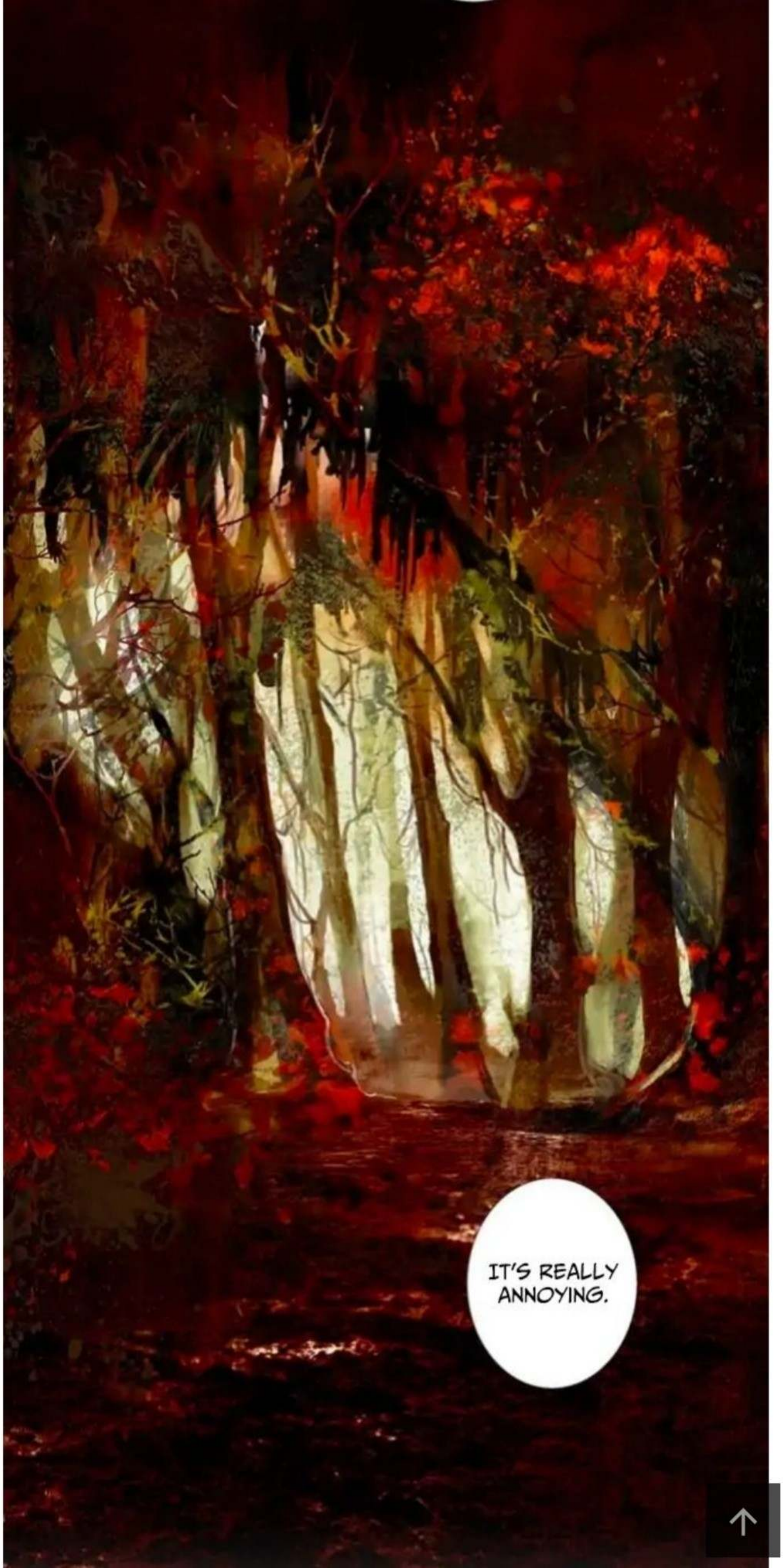
FOREST? WHAT CORPSE FOREST?
THE 'FOREST OF HANGING CORPSES'?
???
WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU TALKING ABOUT?
NODS
THE 'NIGHT-ROAMING GREEN LANTERN OF THE FOREST OF HANGING CORPSES'.

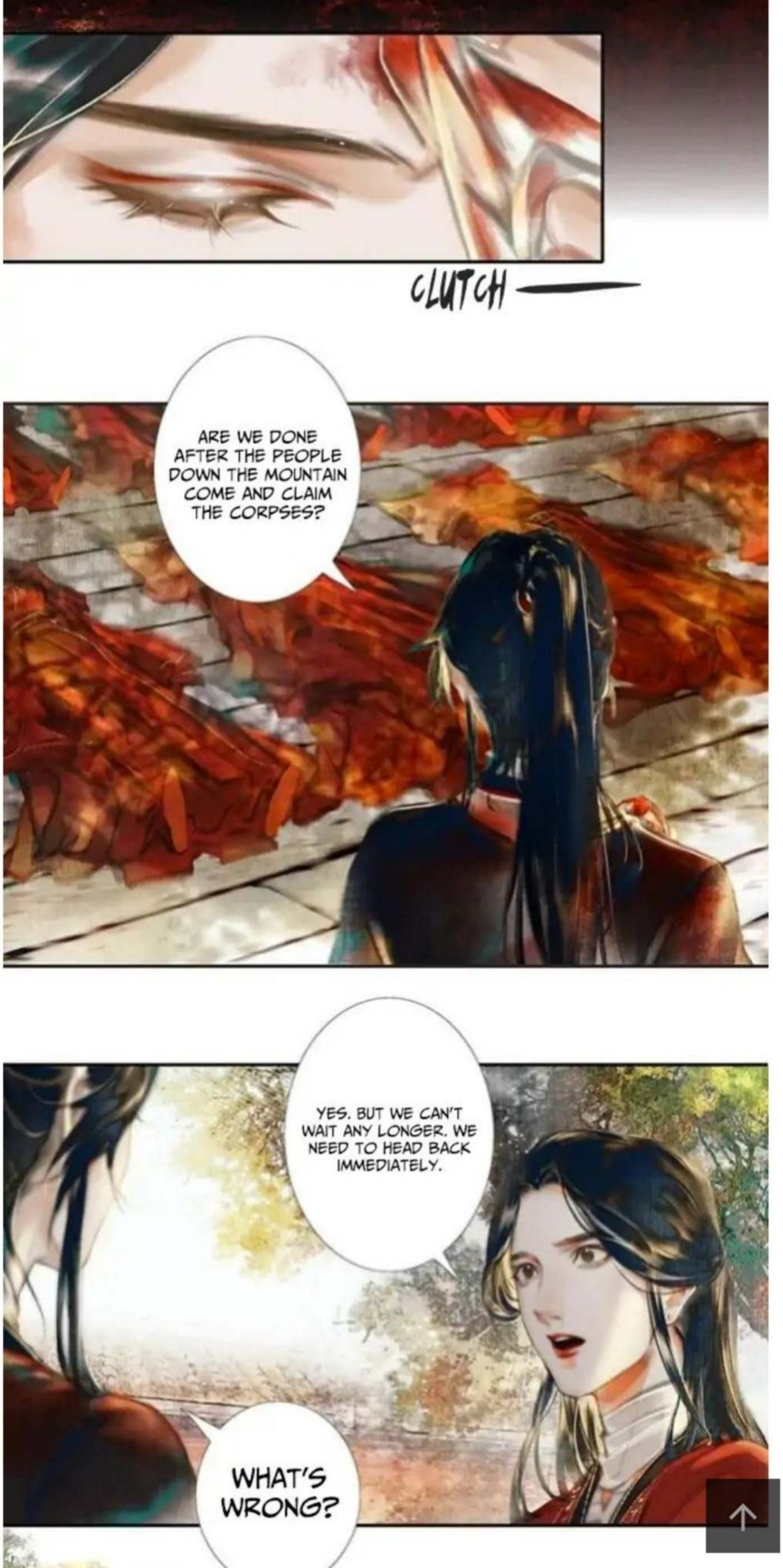
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT XUAN JI KNEW QI RONG.

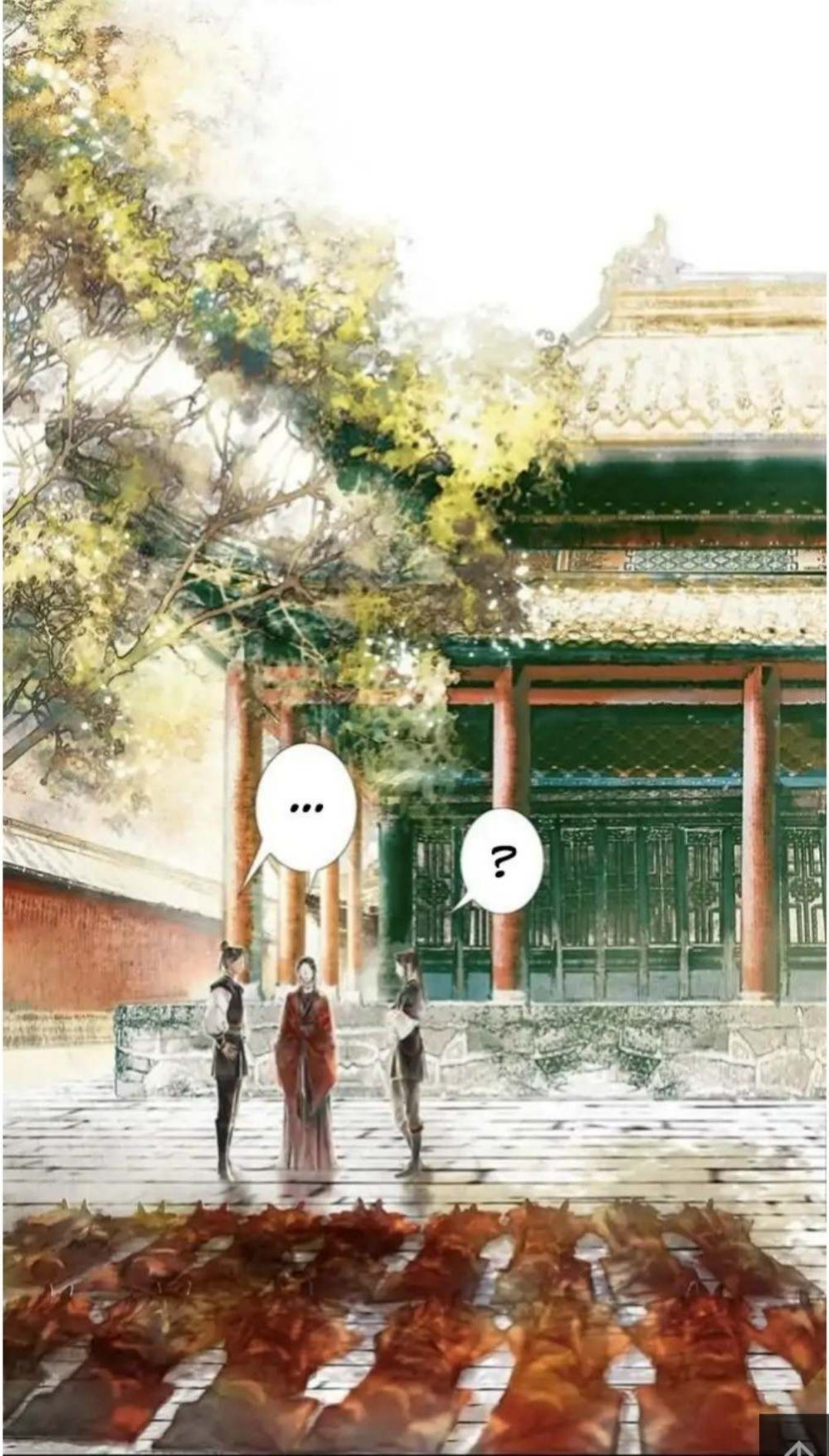
GREEN


YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE GREEN GOBLIN, QI RONG?
SHAKE
SHAKE
I CERTAINLY DO NOT.


YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU ARE NOT VERY KNOWLEDGABLE. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THESE PAST COUPLE OF CENTURIES?
HAHA
... ...
BASED ON HIS SKILLS, THE GREEN DEMON QI RONG ISN'T MUCH OF A THREAT. BUT ACCORDING TO THE RANKINGS AT LINGWEN TEMPLE, HE'S A "DYING", ALMOST SUPREME DEMON.
WHEREVER HE GOES, HE ALWAYS CREATES A 'FOREST OF HANGING CORPSES,' AND A RAIN OF CRIMSON BLOOD FOLLOWS.


IT'S REALLY ANNOYING.


CLUTCH
ARE WE DONE AFTER THE PEOPLE DOWN THE MOUNTAIN COME AND CLAIM THE CORPSES?
YES. BUT WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER. WE NEED TO HEAD BACK IMMEDIATELY.
WHAT'S WRONG?



THIS PLACE HAS THE HUMAN FACE DISEASE.

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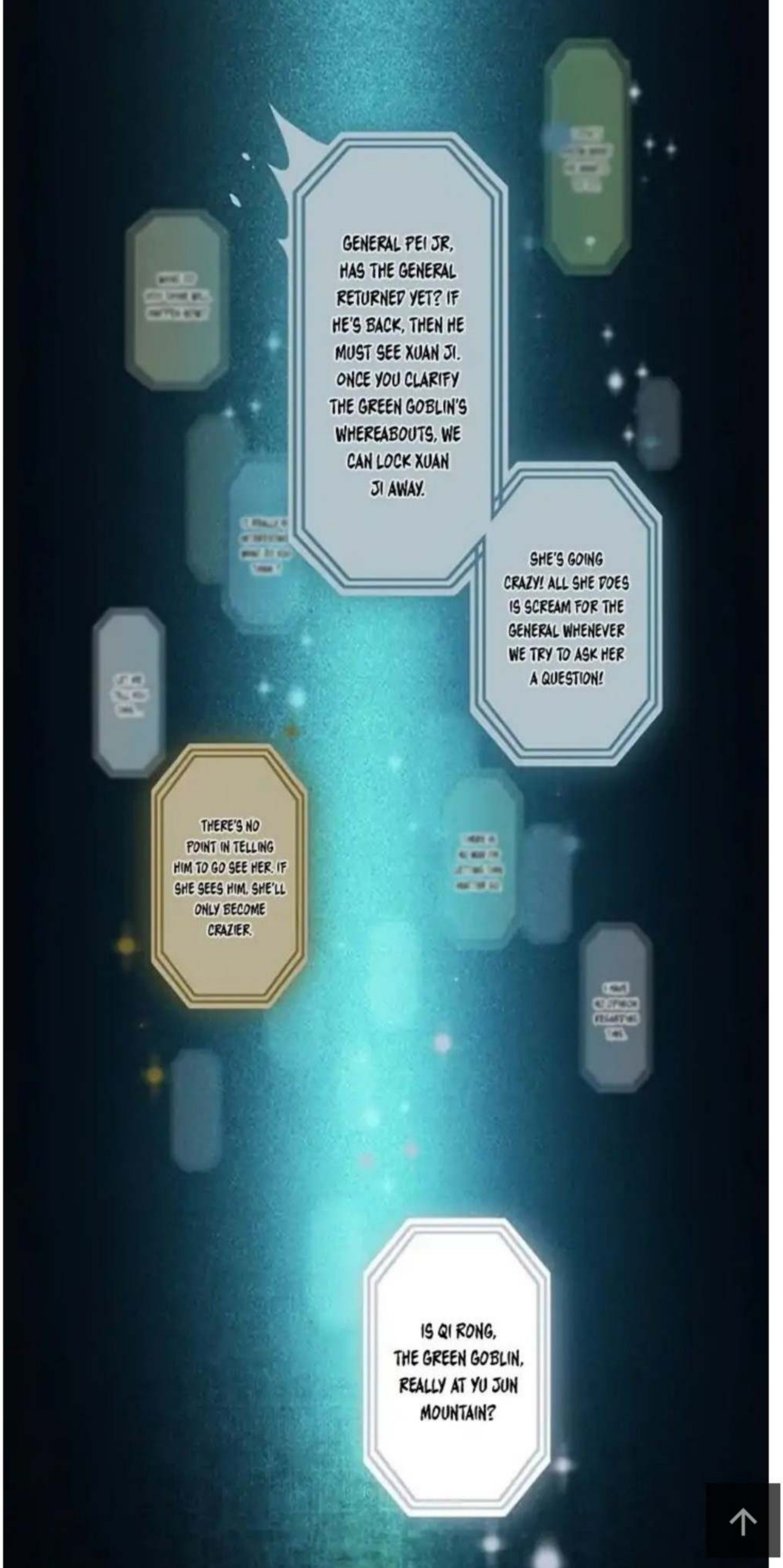
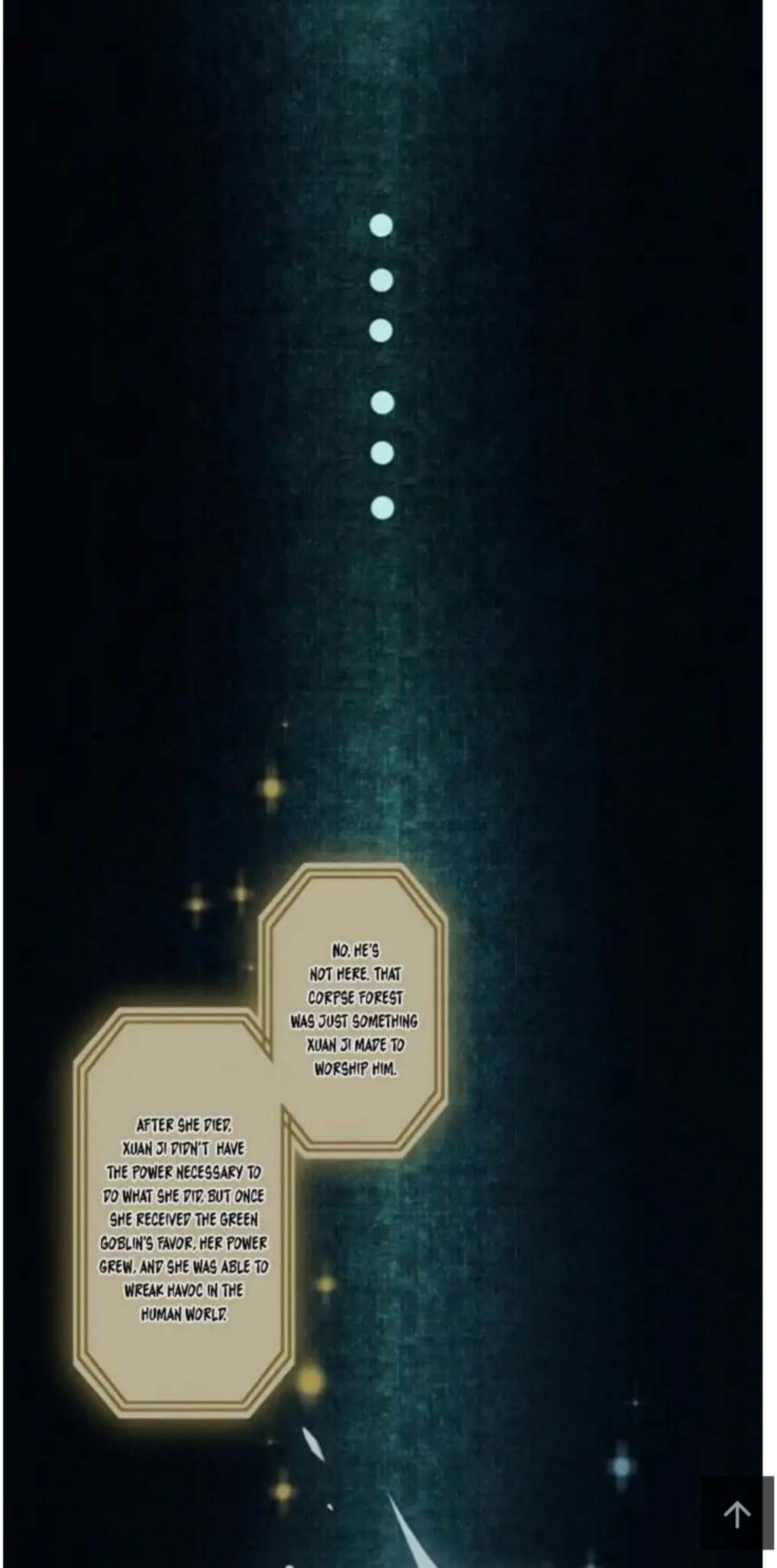
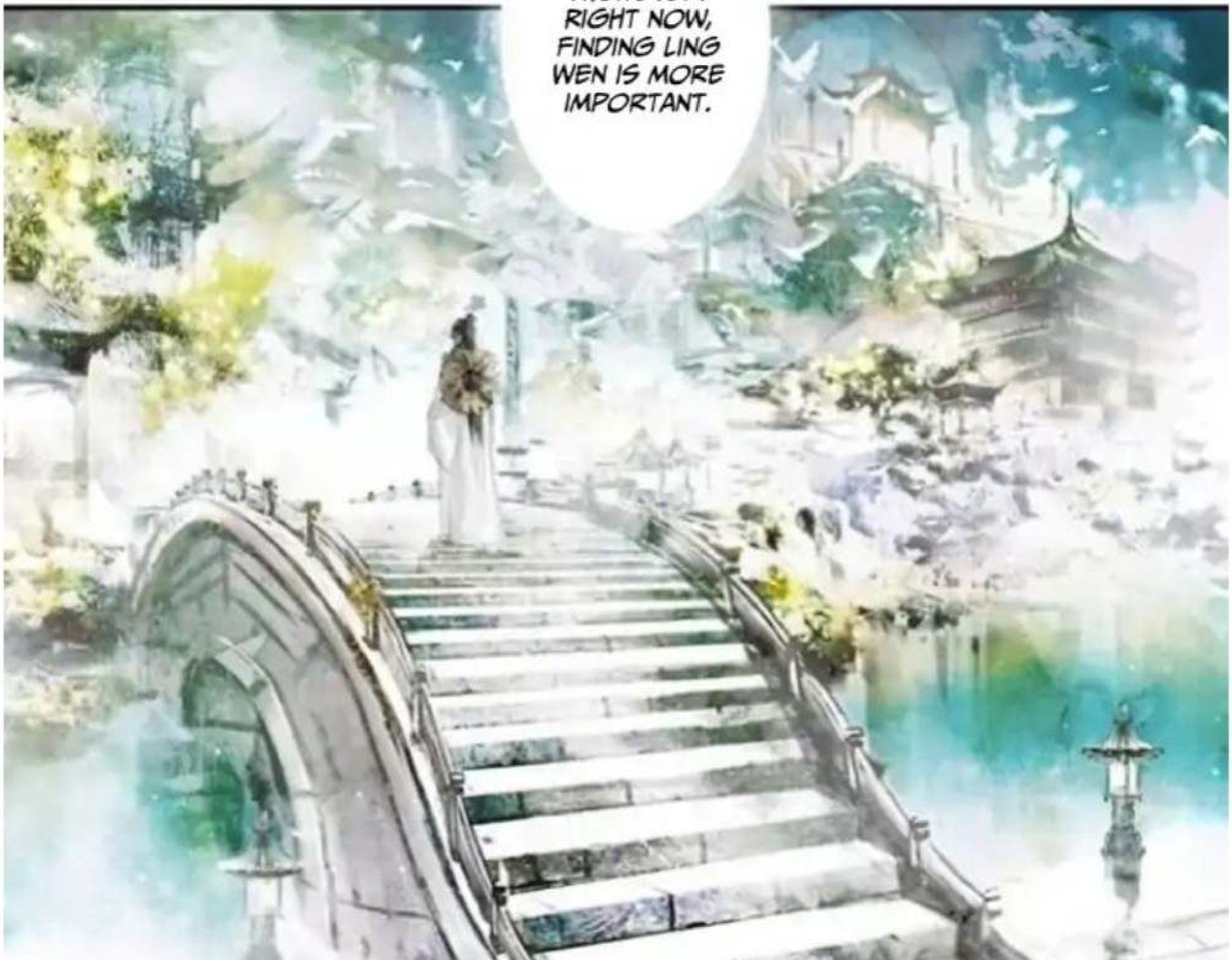

GENERAL PEI JR, HAS THE GENERAL RETURNED YET? IF HE'S BACK, THEN HE MUST SEE XUAN JI. ONCE YOU CLARIFY THE GREEN GOBLIN'S WHEREABOUTS, WE CAN LOCK XUAN JI AWAY.
SHE'S GOING CRAZY! ALL SHE DOES IS SCREAM FOR THE GENERAL WHENEVER WE TRY TO ASK HER A QUESTION!
THERE'S NO POINT IN TELLING HIM TO GO SEE HER. IF SHE SEES HIM, SHE'LL ONLY BECOME CRAZIER.
IS QI RONG, THE GREEN GOBLIN, REALLY AT YU JUN MOUNTAIN?


NO, HE'S NOT HERE. THAT CORPSE FOREST WAS JUST SOMETHING XUAN JI MADE TO WORSHIP HIM.
AFTER SHE DIED, XUAN JI DIDN'T HAVE THE POWER NECESSARY TO DO WHAT SHE DID, BUT ONCE SHE RECEIVED THE GREEN GOBLIN'S FAVOR, HER POWER GREW, AND SHE WAS ABLE TO WREAK HAVOC IN THE HUMAN WORLD.

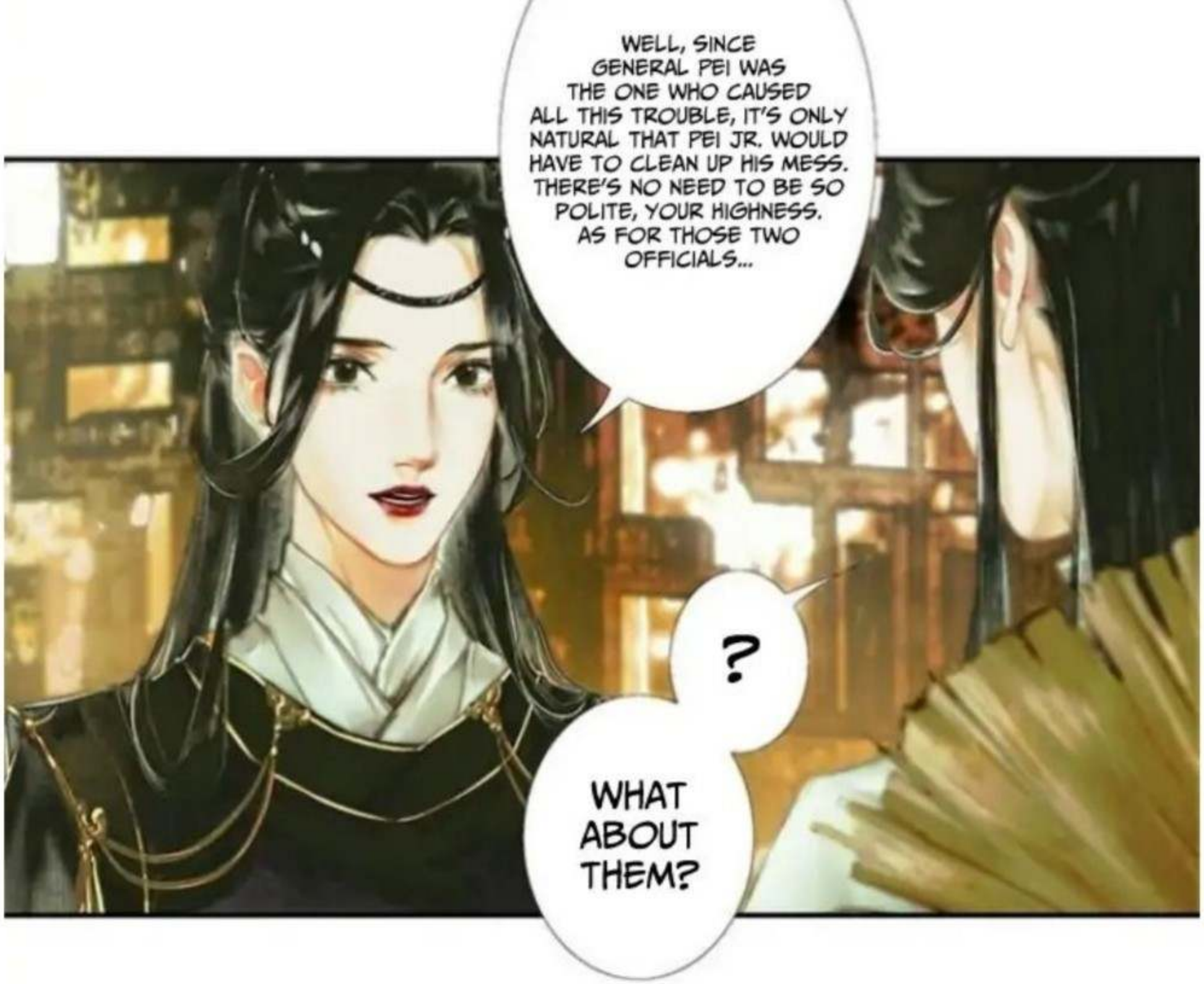
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT - JUST CALL THE GENERAL! I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
WELL, REGARDING THIS SITUATION, XUAN JI IS THE ONE TAKING ALL THE BLAME...


AH, WHATEVER. RIGHT NOW, FINDING LING WEN IS MORE IMPORTANT.

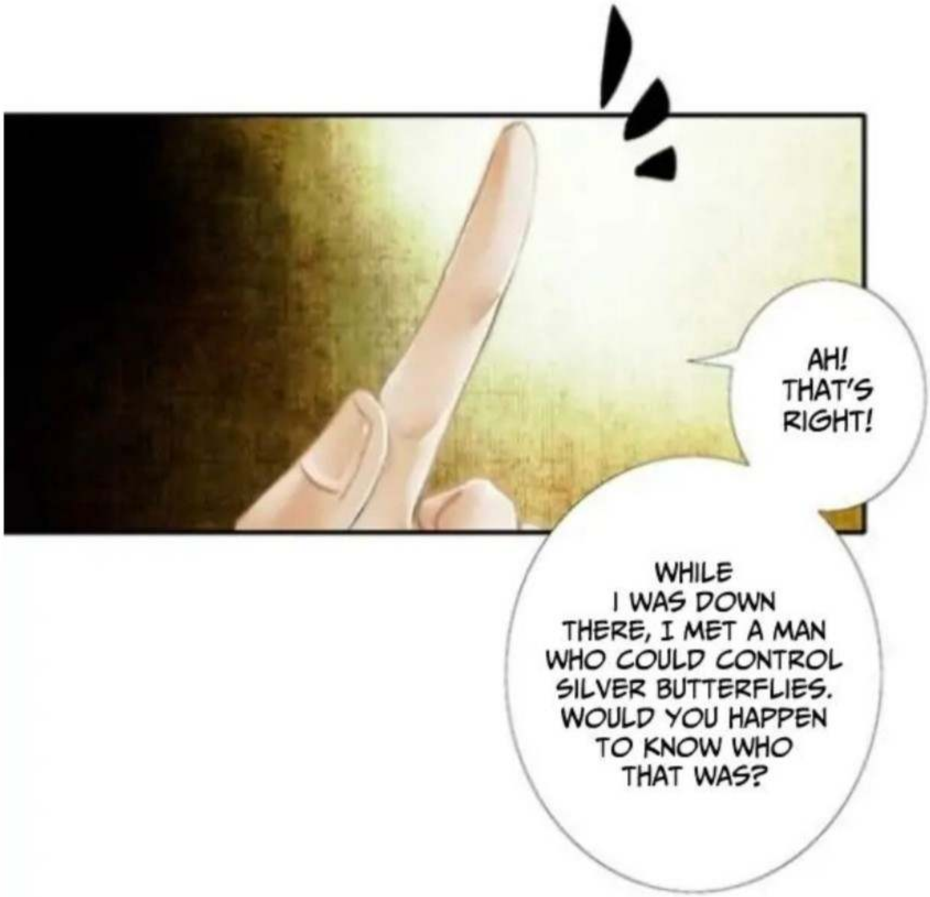
XIAN JING, LING WEN TEMPLE

THE RETURN OF THE HUMAN FACE DISEASE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE, RIGHT NOW. LING WEN TEMPLE WILL SPARE NO EFFORT IN FINDING THAT BOY WITH BANDAGES.

THIS TIME, IT WAS A TRIP UP NORTH, SO THERE WERE MANY MOVING PARTS. CROWN PRINCE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. WITH THIS, YOUR 8.8 MILLION MERIT DEBT HAS BEEN PAID OFF.
GENERAL PEI JR, AND BOTH MU QING AND FENG XIN'S SUBORDINATES HELPED.
I CAN'T THANK THEM ENOUGH.


WELL, SINCE GENERAL PEI WAS THE ONE WHO CAUSED ALL THIS TROUBLE, IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT PEI JR. WOULD HAVE TO CLEAN UP HIS MESS. THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO POLITE, YOUR HIGHNESS. AS FOR THOSE TWO OFFICIALS...
?
WHAT ABOUT THEM?

IN ORDER TO EARN MERITS, THEY DESCENDED TO THE HUMAN REALM WITHOUT EITHER OF THEIR GENERALS KNOWING. THEY WILL NATURALLY BE REWARDED AFTER THE MISSION, SO THERE'S REALLY NO NEED FOR YOU TO FEEL INDEBTED TO THEM, YOUR HIGHNESS.


AH! THAT'S RIGHT!
WHILE I WAS DOWN THERE, I MET A MAN WHO COULD CONTROL SILVER BUTTERFLIES. WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHO THAT WAS?

CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER

AH... ARE YOU ALRIGHT, YOUR HIGHNESS?
WHAT? OF COURSE!

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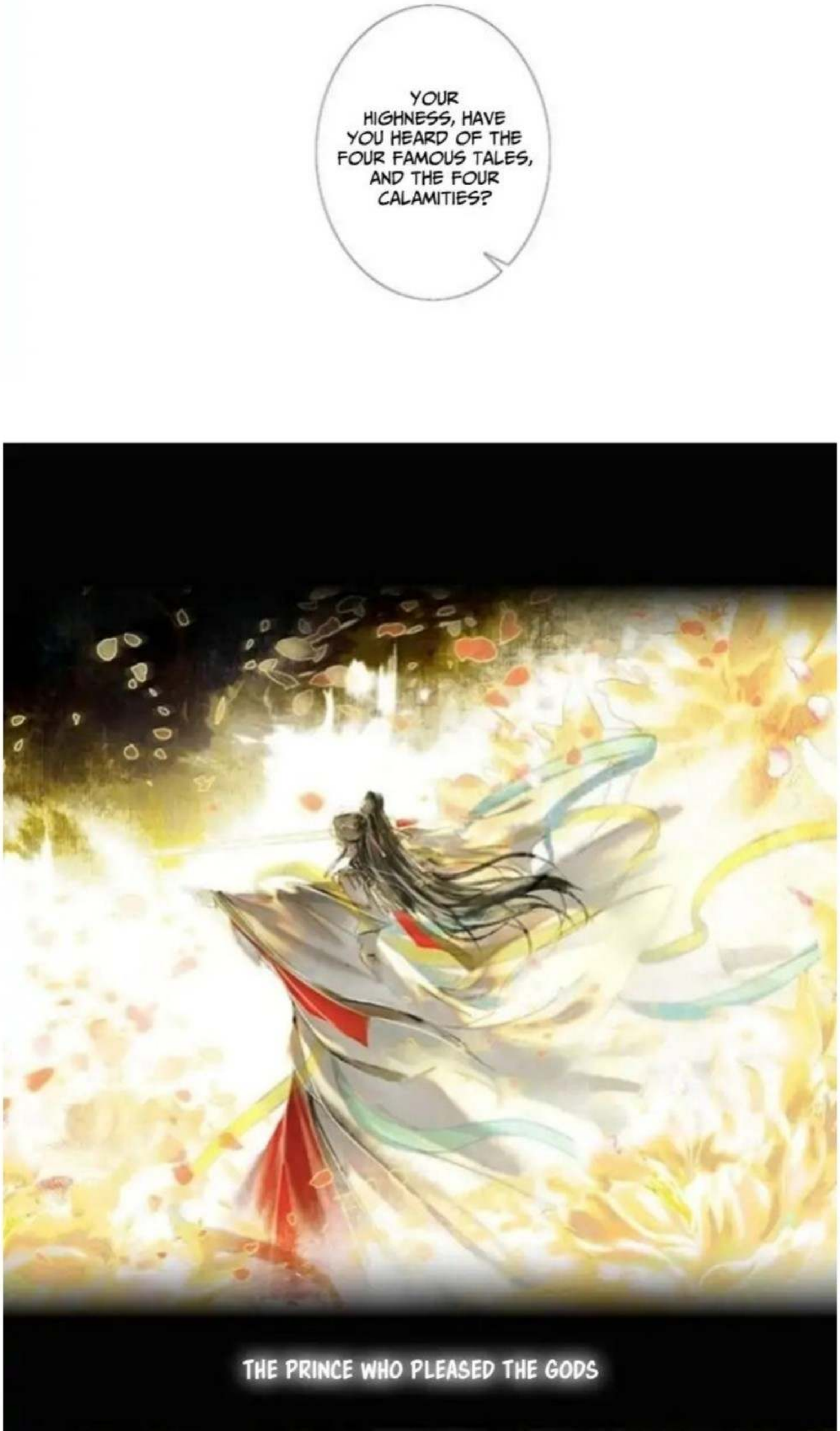
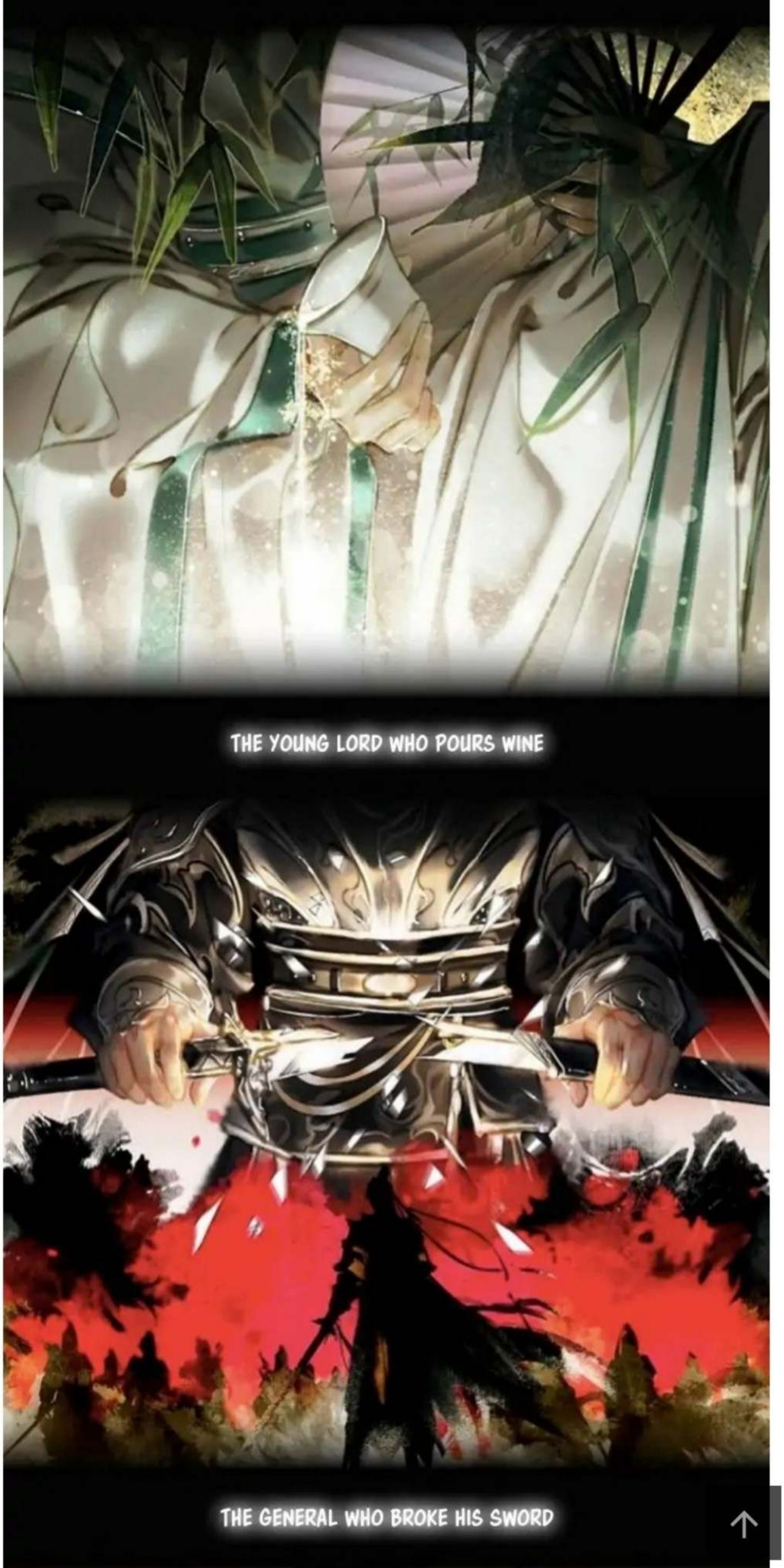
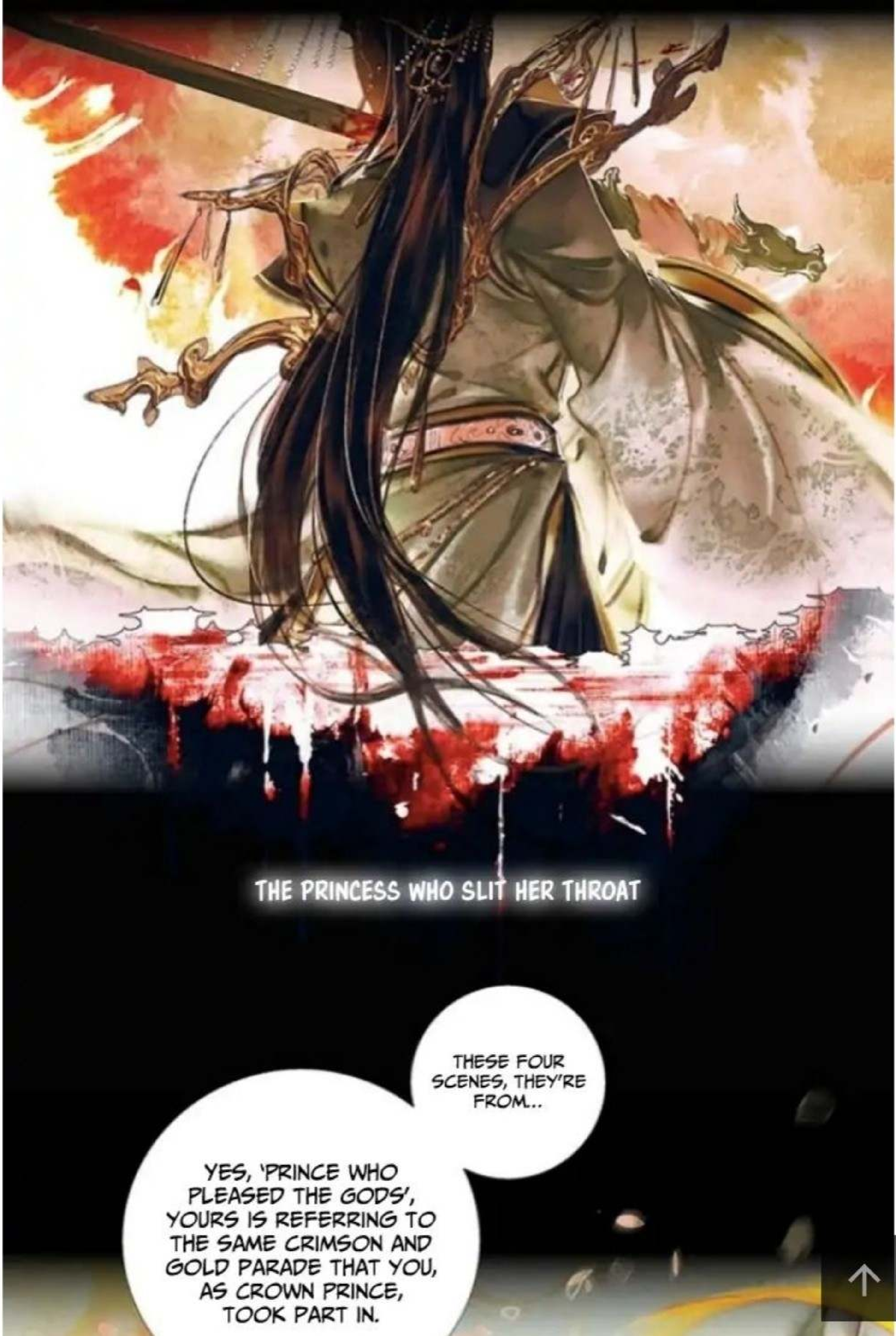
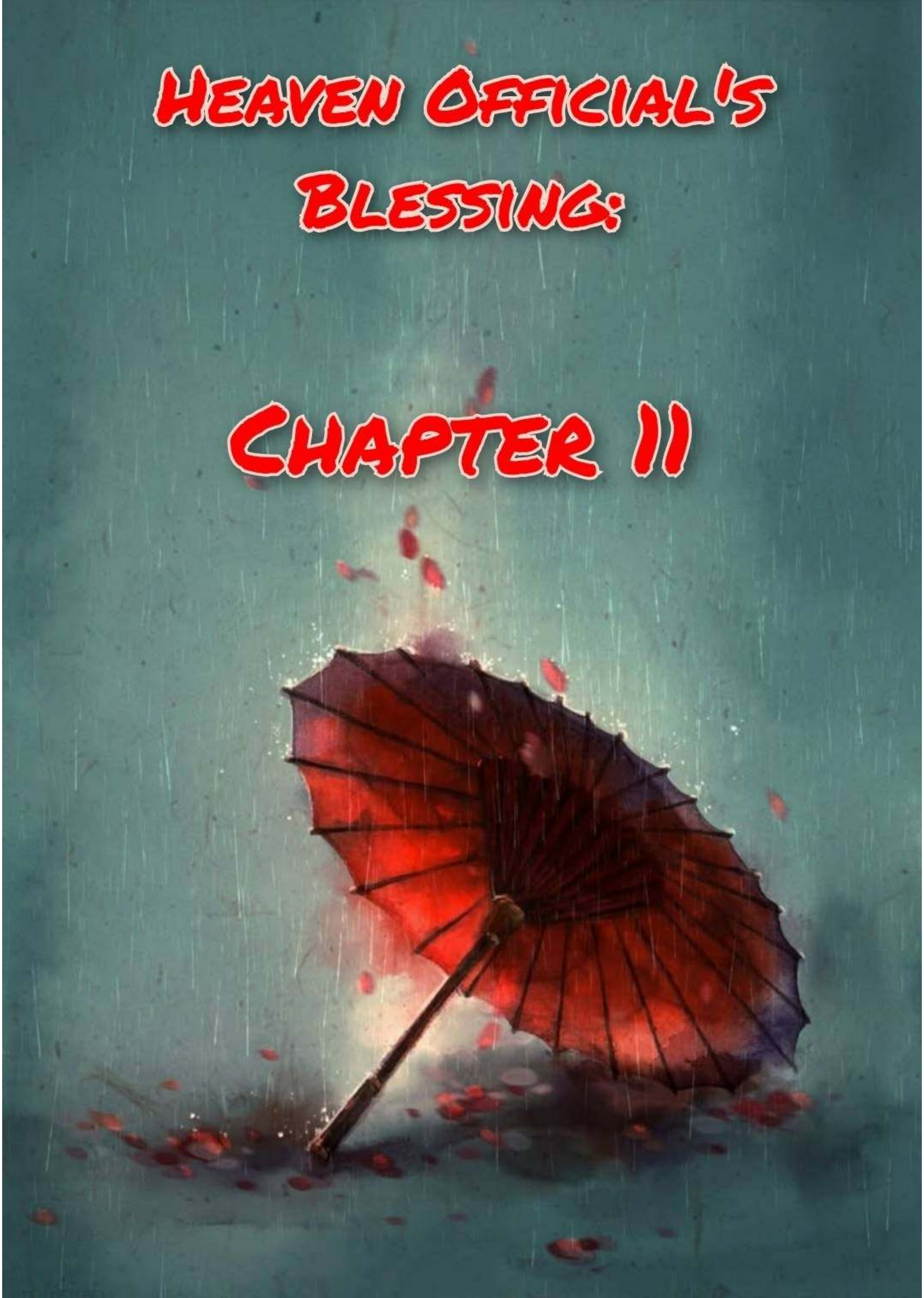

YOUR HIGHNESS, HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FOUR FAMOUS TALES, AND THE FOUR CALAMITIES?
THE PRINCE WHO PLEASED THE GODS


THE YOUNG LORD WHO POURS WINE
THE GENERAL WHO BROKE HIS SWORD


THE PRINCESS WHO SLIT HER THROAT
THESE FOUR SCENES, THEY'RE FROM...
YES, 'PRINCE WHO PLEASED THE GODS', YOURS IS REFERRING TO THE SAME CRIMSON AND GOLD PARADE THAT YOU, AS CROWN PRINCE, TOOK PART IN.

FOR MASTER FENG SHI, GENERAL PEI, AND LADY YU SHI, THEIR TITLES ARE FAMOUS STORIES ABOUT THEM, FROM A TIME BEFORE THEY ASCENDED.
WHILE THE OTHER FOUR ARE KNOWN TO BE "CALAMITIES" AMONG EVIL SPIRITS, DON'T BOTHER WITH THEM UNLESS YOU HAVE TO, FOR THEY ARE—
PR NOTE: THE CRIMSON AND GOLD PARADE REFERS TO THE PARADE XIE LIAN TOOK PART OF AS CROWN PRINCE, IN ORDER TO DETERMINE HOW MANY YEARS HIS KINGDOM WOULD REMAIN SAFE FROM DISASTER.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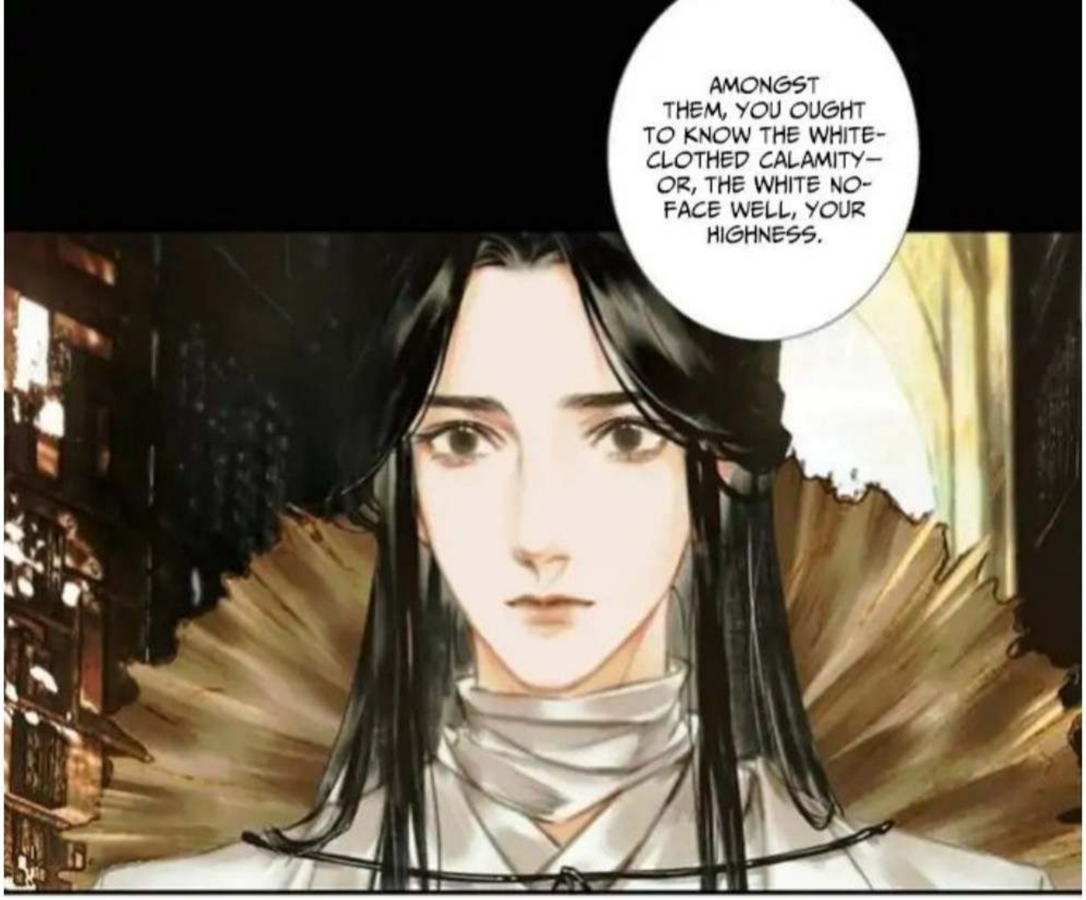
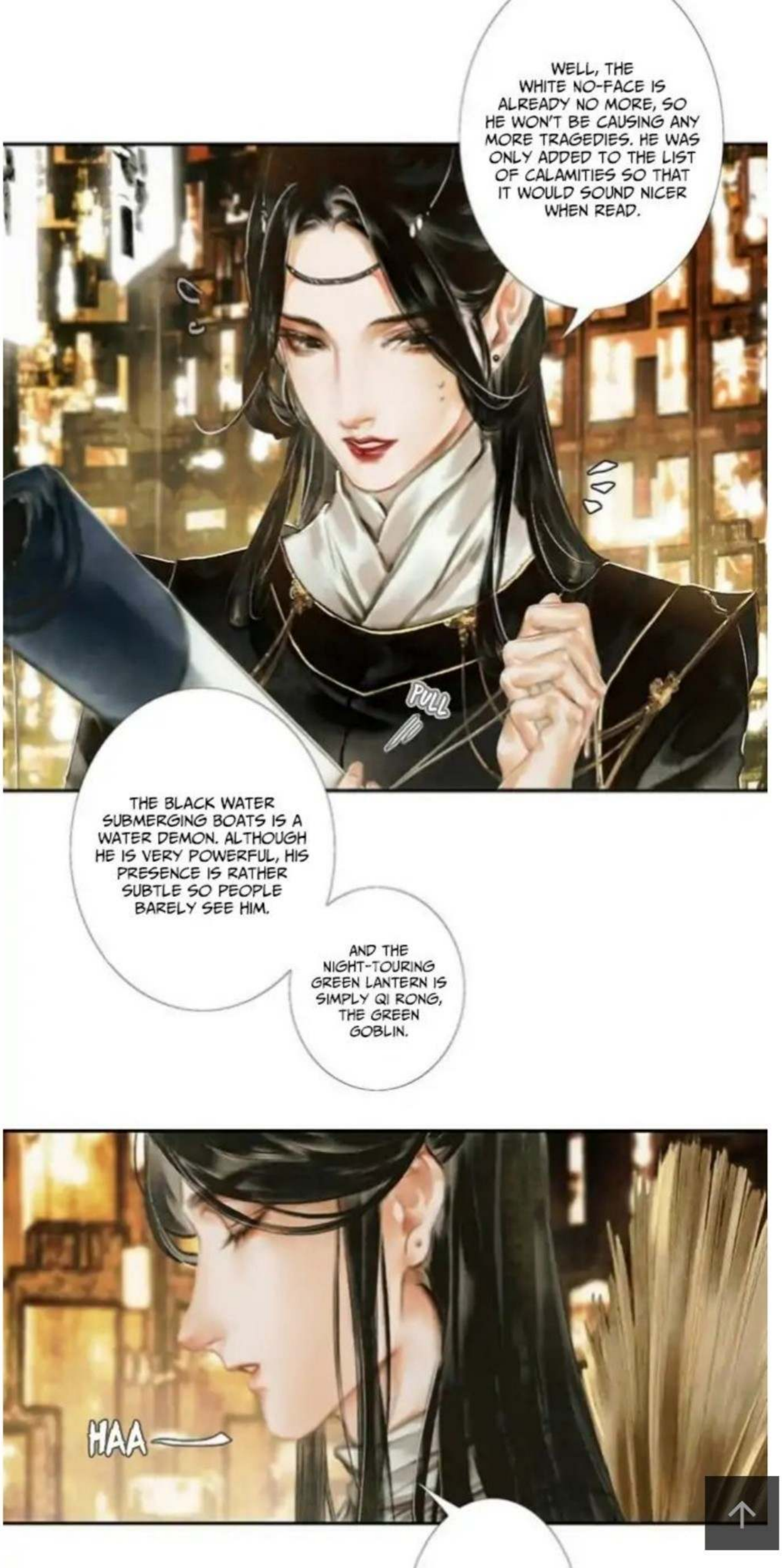
Chapter 11

BLACK WATER
SUBMERGING BOATS
NIGHT-TOURING
GREEN LANTERN

WHITE-CLOTHED CALAMITY
CRIMSON RAIN
SOUGHT FLOWER



WHEN A DEVASTATION-CLASS EVIL SPIRIT IS BORN, IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT A KINGDOM WOULD SUFFER A TERRIBLE DISASTER. BUT WHY, WHY WAS IT THAT WHEN THE WHITE NO-FACE CAME TO BE, IT WAS XIAN LE THAT ENDED UP SUFFERING?


WELL, THE WHITE NO-FACE IS ALREADY NO MORE, SO HE WON'T BE CAUSING ANY MORE TRAGEDIES. HE WAS ONLY ADDED TO THE LIST OF CALAMITIES SO THAT IT WOULD SOUND NICER WHEN READ.
PULL
THE BLACK WATER SUBMERGING BOATS IS A WATER DEMON. ALTHOUGH HE IS VERY POWERFUL, HIS PRESENCE IS RATHER SUBTLE SO PEOPLE BARELY SEE HIM.
AND THE NIGHT-TOURING GREEN LANTERN IS SIMPLY QI RONG, THE GREEN GOBLIN.
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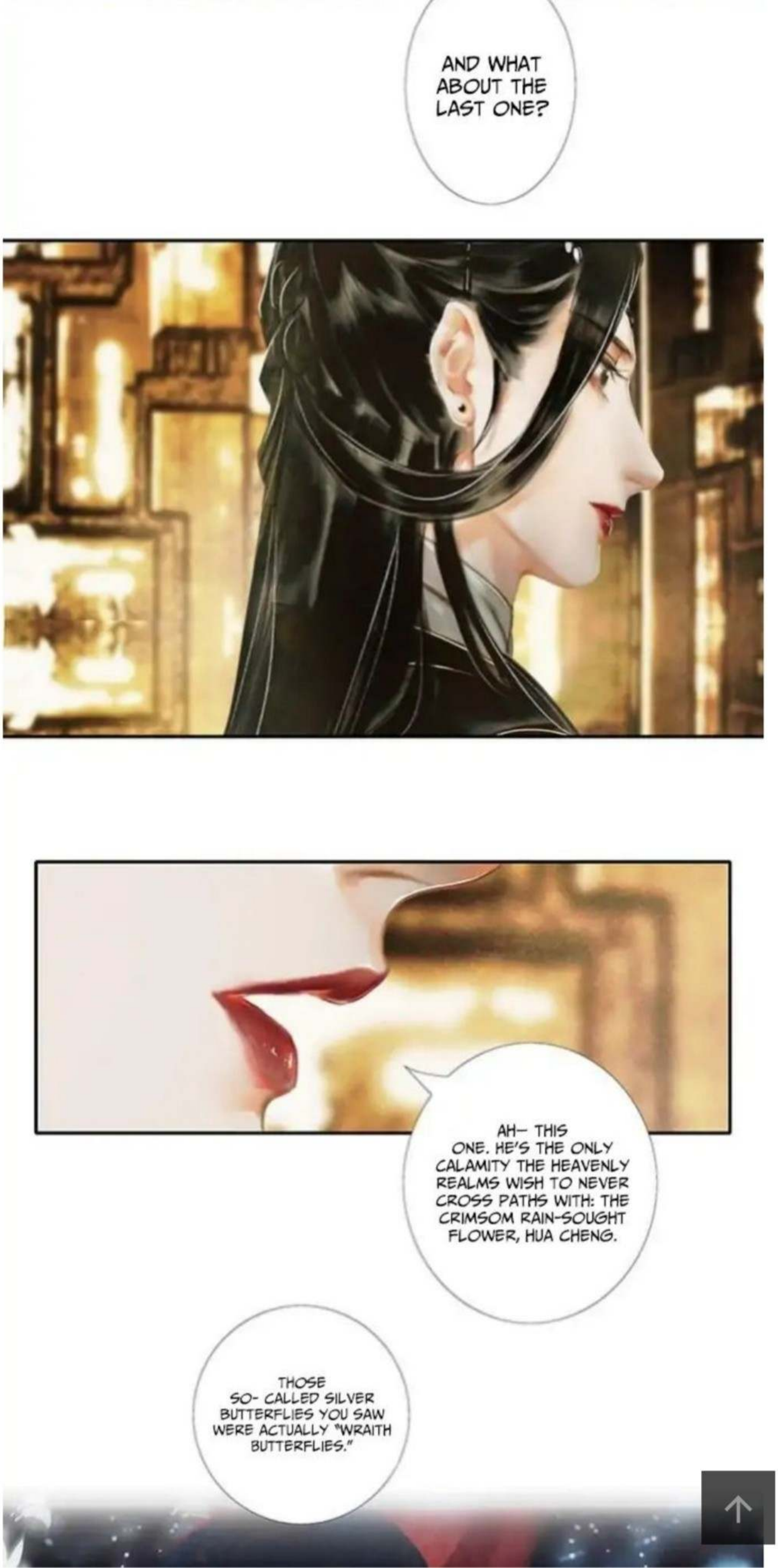
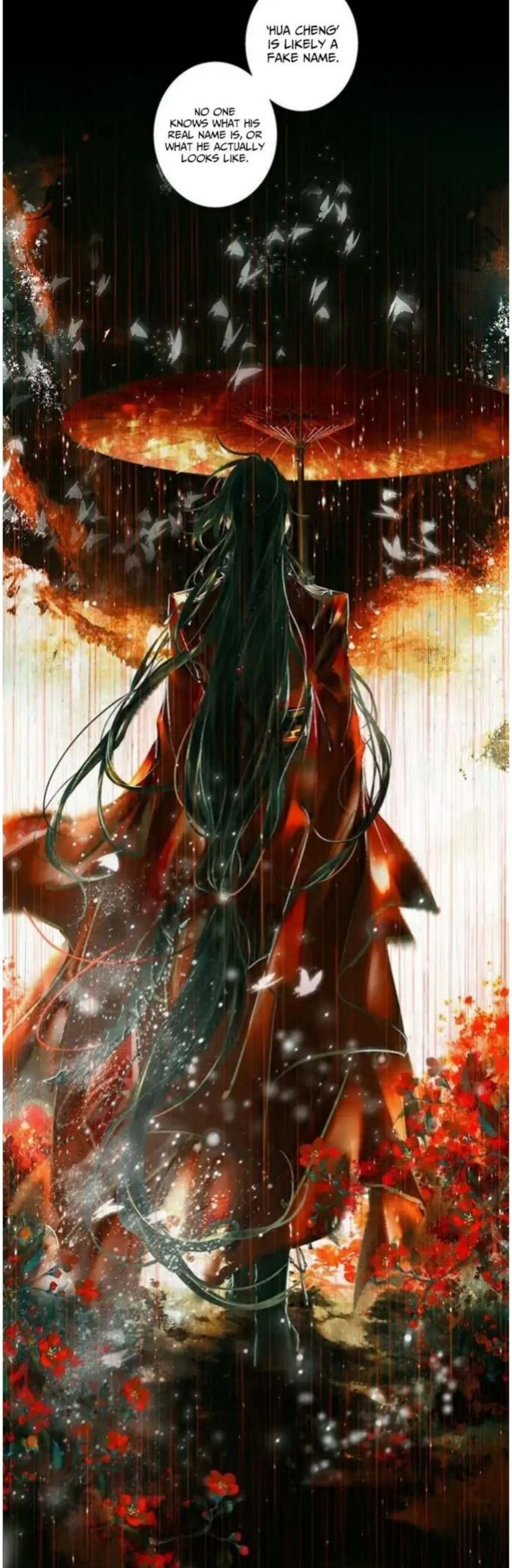
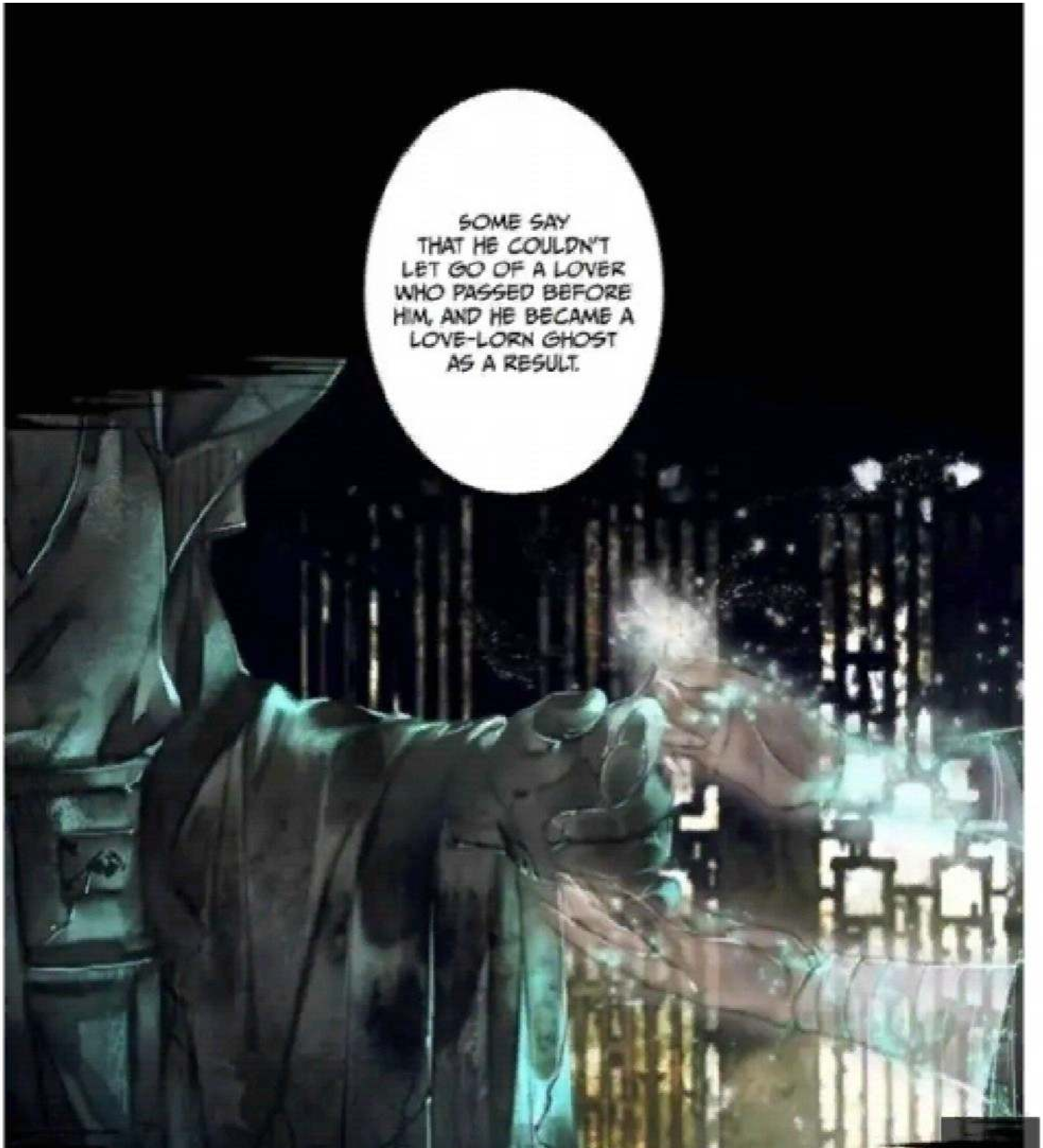

AND WHAT ABOUT THE LAST ONE?
AH– THIS ONE. HE'S THE ONLY CALAMITY THE HEAVENLY REALMS WISH TO NEVER CROSS PATHS WITH: THE CRIMSOM RAIN-SOUGHT FLOWER, HUA CHENG.
THOSE SO- CALLED SILVER BUTTERFLIES YOU SAW WERE ACTUALLY "WRAITH BUTTERFLIES."

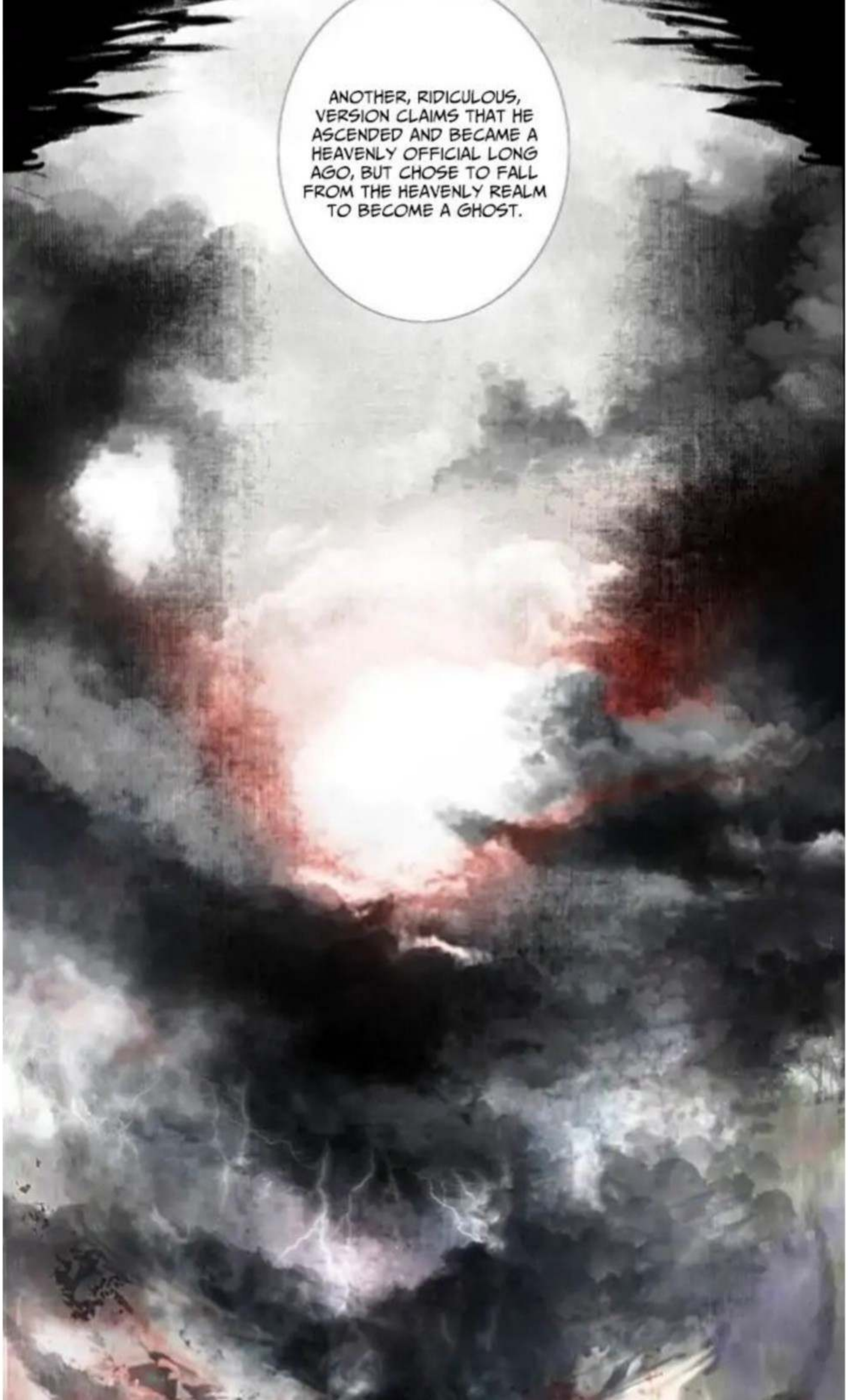
THEY ARE WHAT HE'S KNOWN FOR.

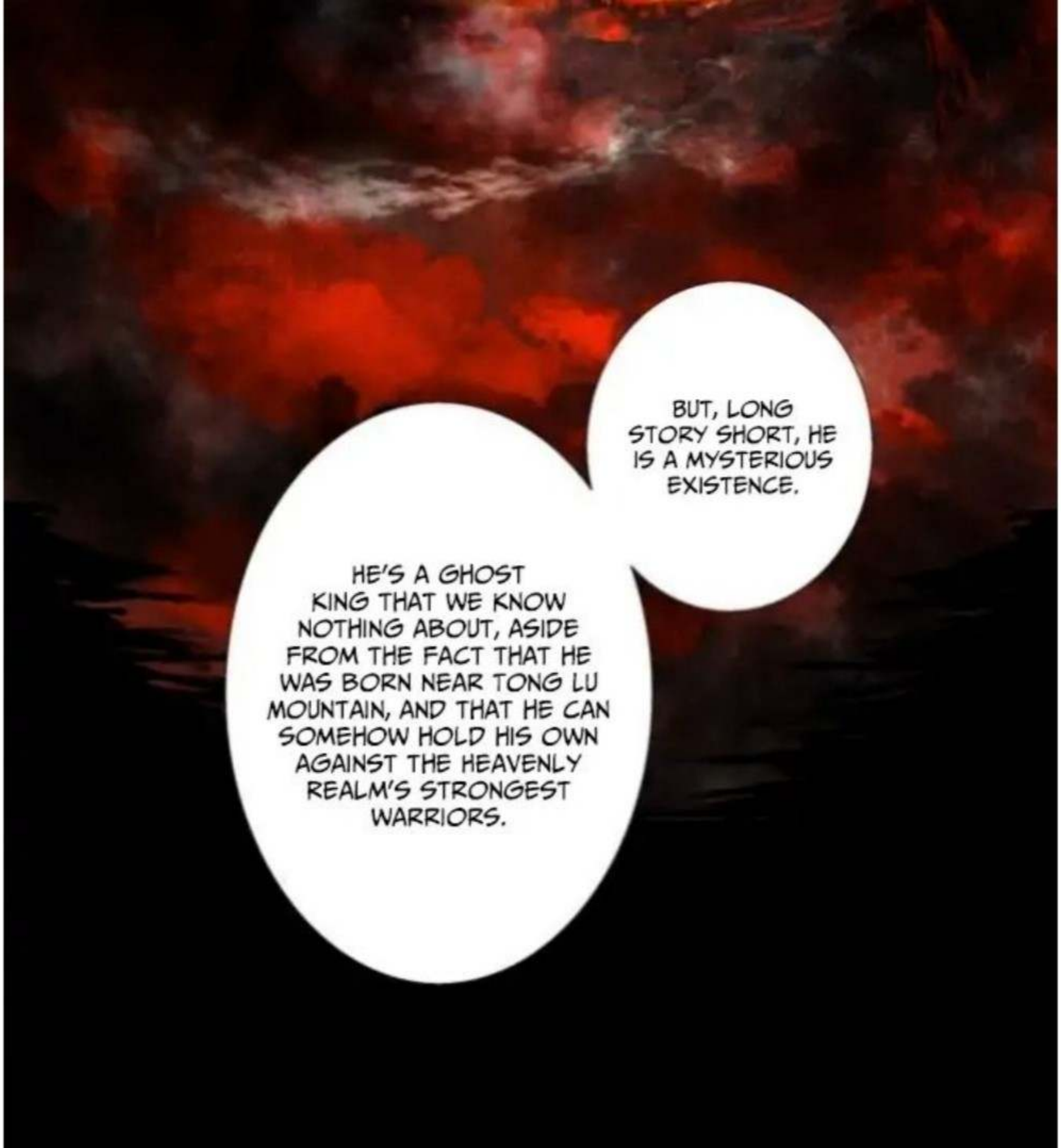

'HUA CHENG' IS LIKELY A FAKE NAME.
NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HIS REAL NAME IS, OR WHAT HE ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE.

HE'S SPOKEN OF IN A VARIETY OF RUMORS AND TALES, BUT EACH OF THEM DESCRIBE HIM DIFFERENTLY.
SOME SAY THAT HE WAS A CRIPPLE, BORN WITHOUT HIS RIGHT EYE. HE WAS PUT THROUGH GREAT TORMENT FOR IT, AND THUS, DESPISES THE WORLD.

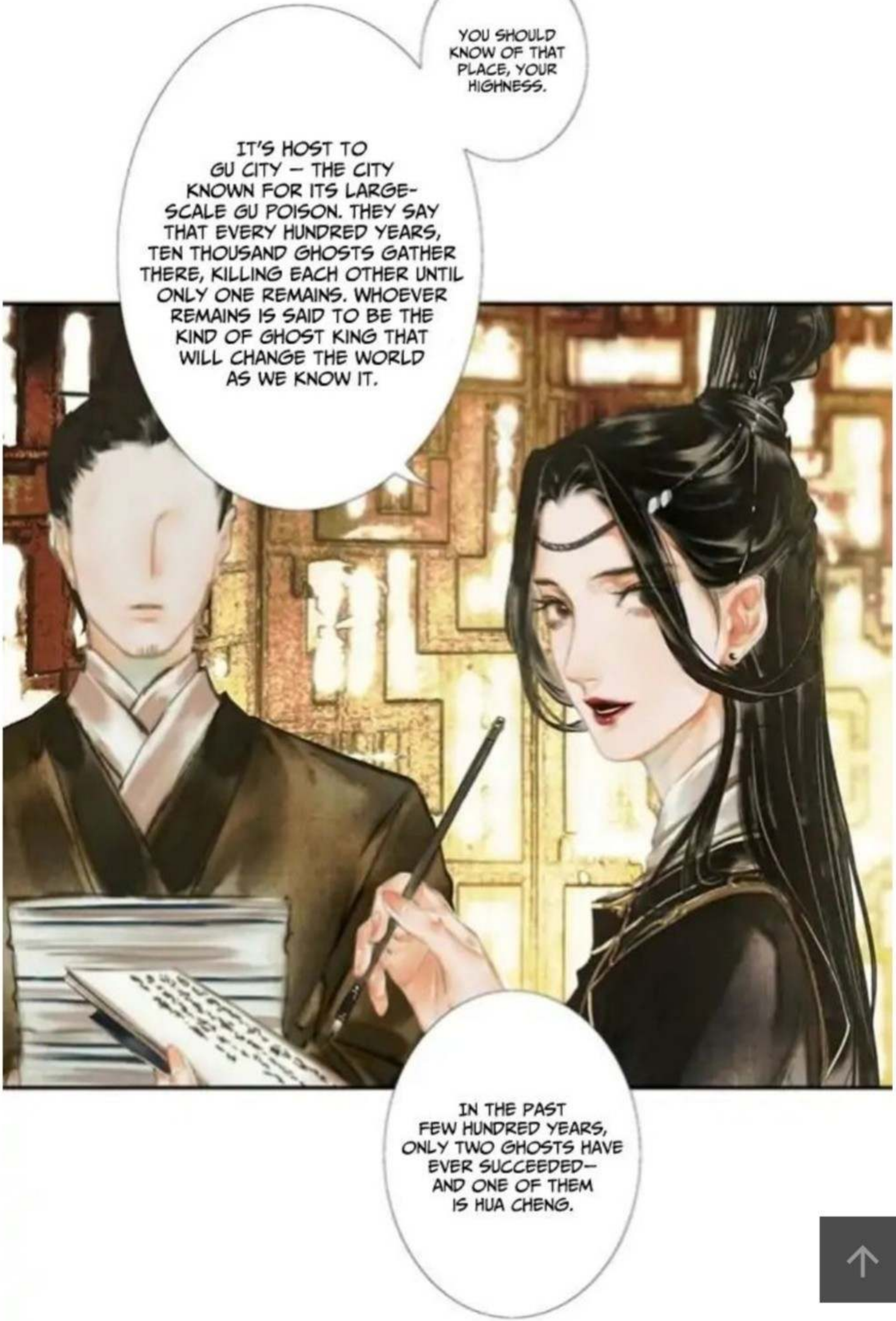
SOME SAY HE WAS A YOUNG SOLDIER WHO DIED FIGHTING FOR HIS COUNTRY, AND STILL HARBORS REGRETS.


SOME SAY THAT HE COULDN'T LET GO OF A LOVER WHO PASSED BEFORE HIM, AND HE BECAME A LOVE-LORN GHOST AS A RESULT.


ANOTHER, RIDICULOUS, VERSION CLAIMS THAT HE ASCENDED AND BECAME A HEAVENLY OFFICIAL LONG AGO, BUT CHOSE TO FALL FROM THE HEAVENLY REALM TO BECOME A GHOST.


BUT, LONG STORY SHORT, HE IS A MYSTERIOUS EXISTENCE.
HE'S A GHOST KING THAT WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT, ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT HE WAS BORN NEAR TONG LU MOUNTAIN, AND THAT HE CAN SOMEHOW HOLD HIS OWN AGAINST THE HEAVENLY REALM'S STRONGEST WARRIORS.

TONG LU MOUNTAIN...


YOU SHOULD KNOW OF THAT PLACE, YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT'S HOST TO GU CITY – THE CITY KNOWN FOR ITS LARGE-SCALE GU POISON. THEY SAY THAT EVERY HUNDRED YEARS, TEN THOUSAND GHOSTS GATHER THERE, KILLING EACH OTHER UNTIL ONLY ONE REMAINS. WHOEVER REMAINS IS SAID TO BE THE KIND OF GHOST KING THAT WILL CHANGE THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT.
IN THE PAST FEW HUNDRED YEARS, ONLY TWO GHOSTS HAVE EVER SUCCEEDED– AND ONE OF THEM IS HUA CHENG.

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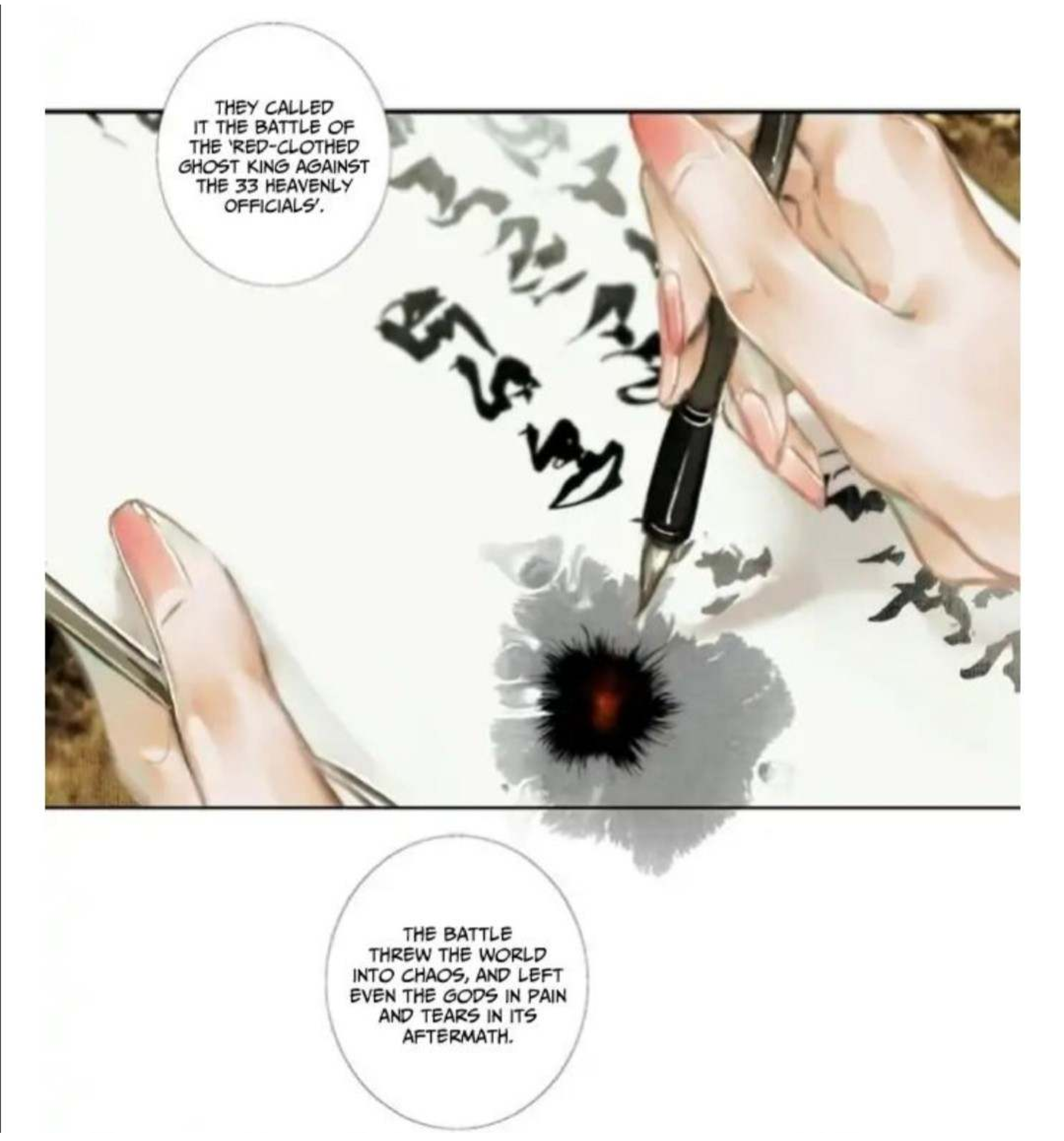
YOU MUST NOT KNOW ABOUT HUA CHENG'S MOST FAMOUS BATTLE, YOUR HIGHNESS.


THEY CALLED IT THE BATTLE OF THE 'RED-CLOTHED GHOST KING AGAINST THE 33 HEAVENLY OFFICIALS'.
THE BATTLE THREW THE WORLD INTO CHAOS, AND LEFT EVEN THE GODS IN PAIN AND TEARS IN ITS AFTERMATH.

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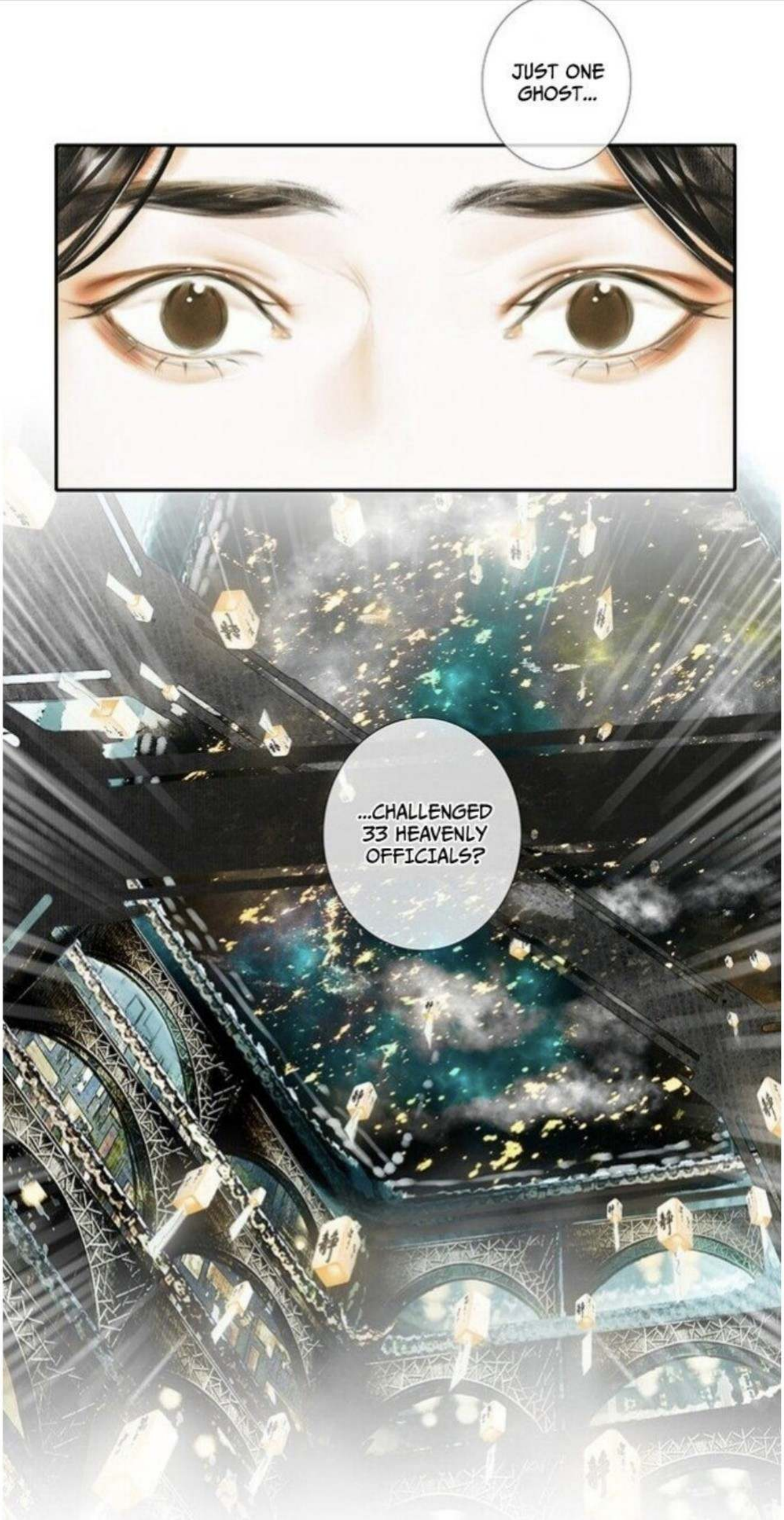
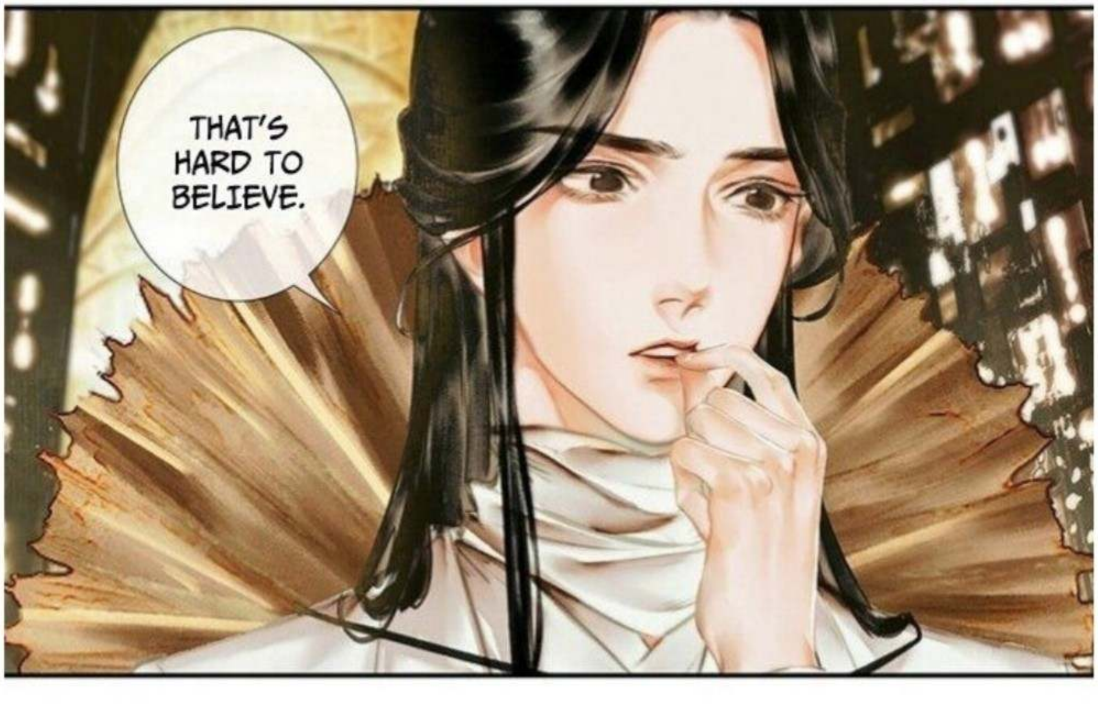
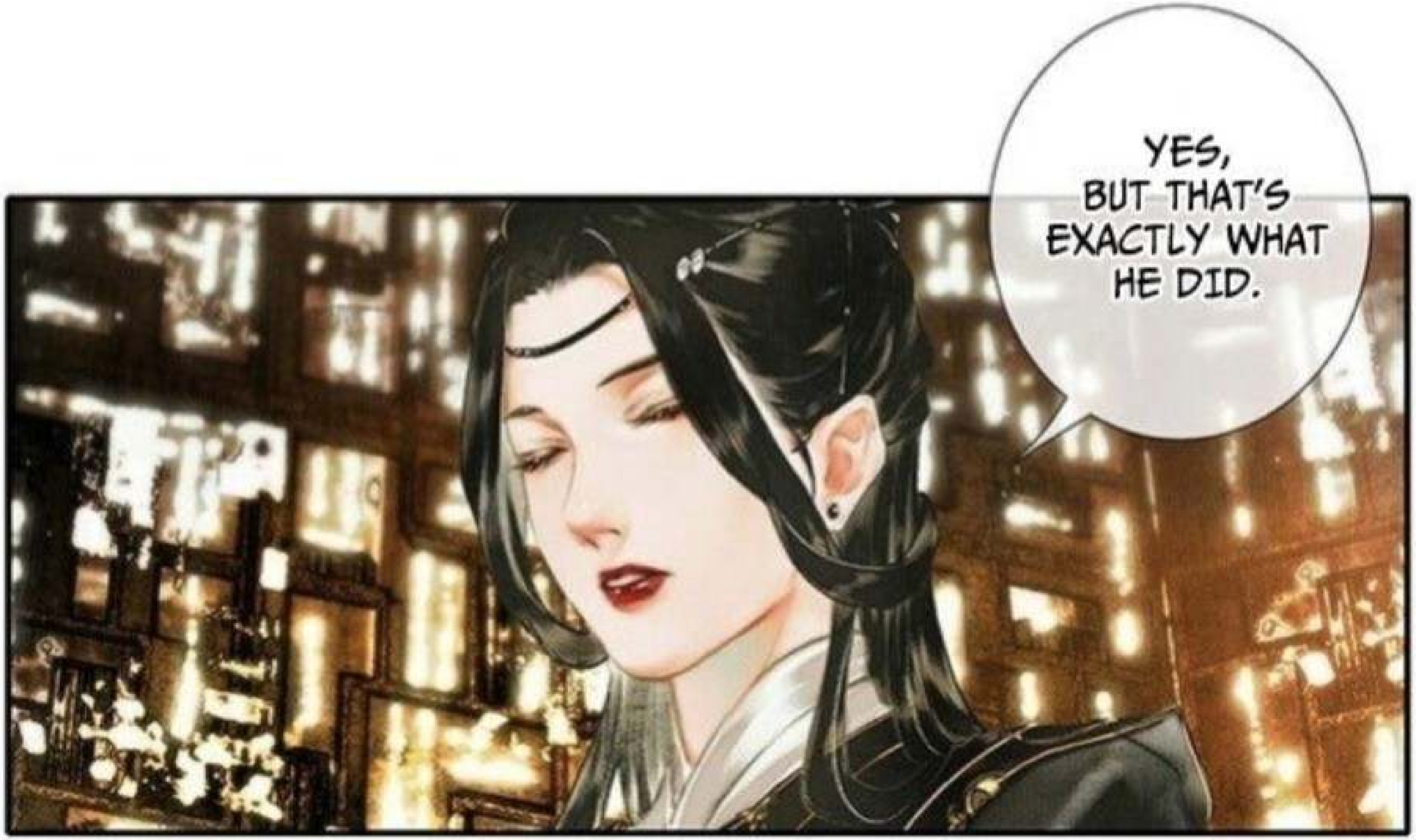
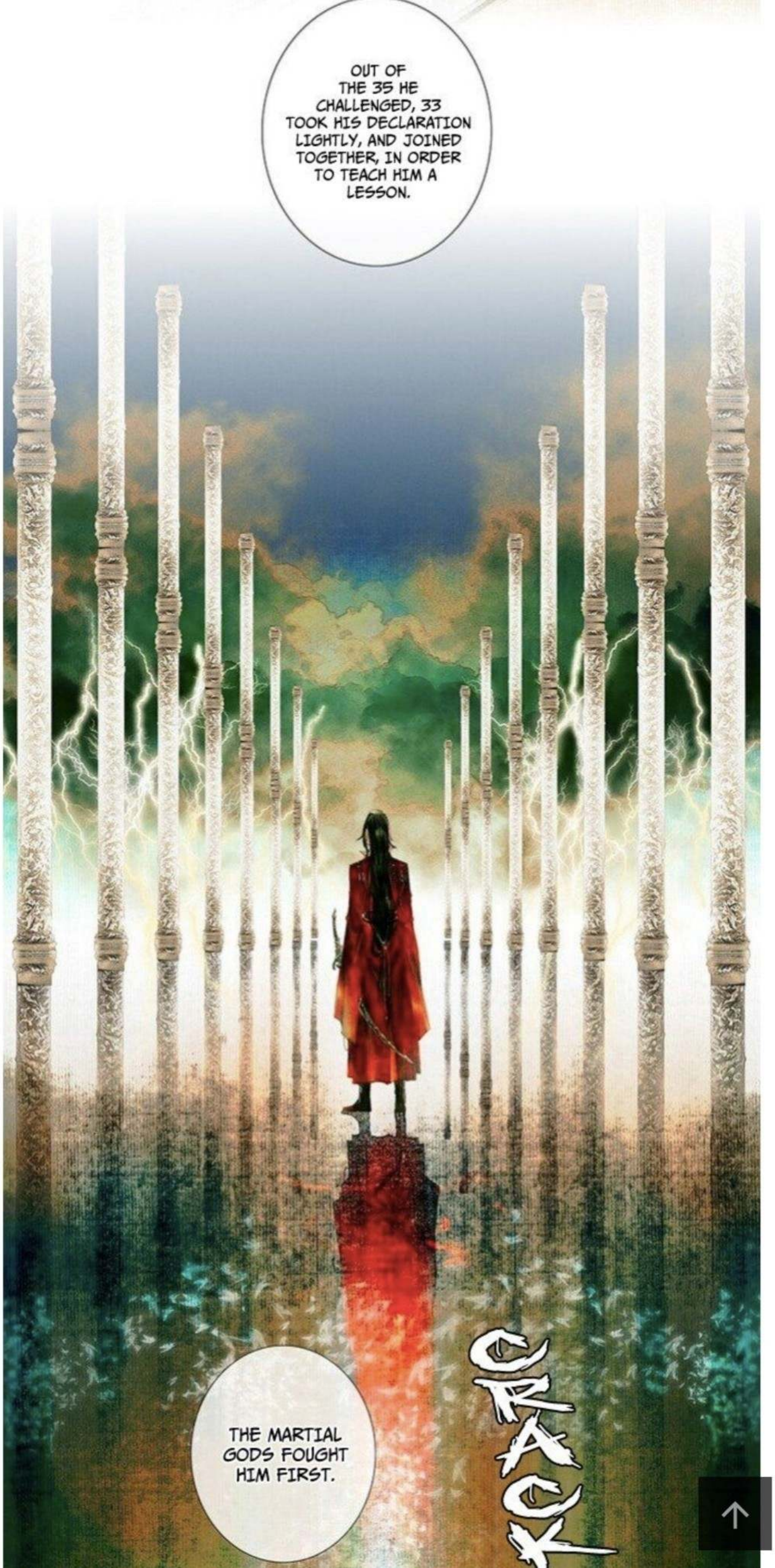

JUST ONE GHOST...
...CHALLENGED 33 HEAVENLY OFFICIALS?

THAT'S RIGHT.

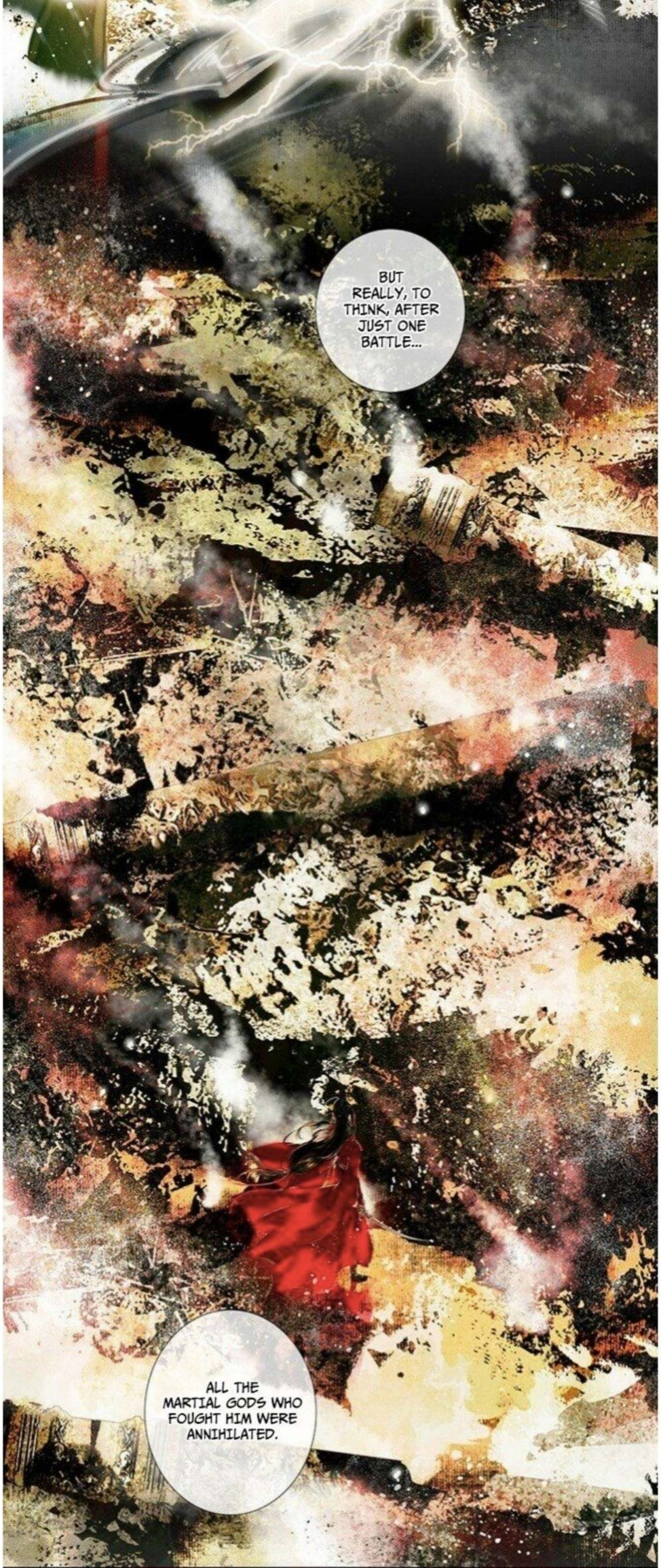

THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE.

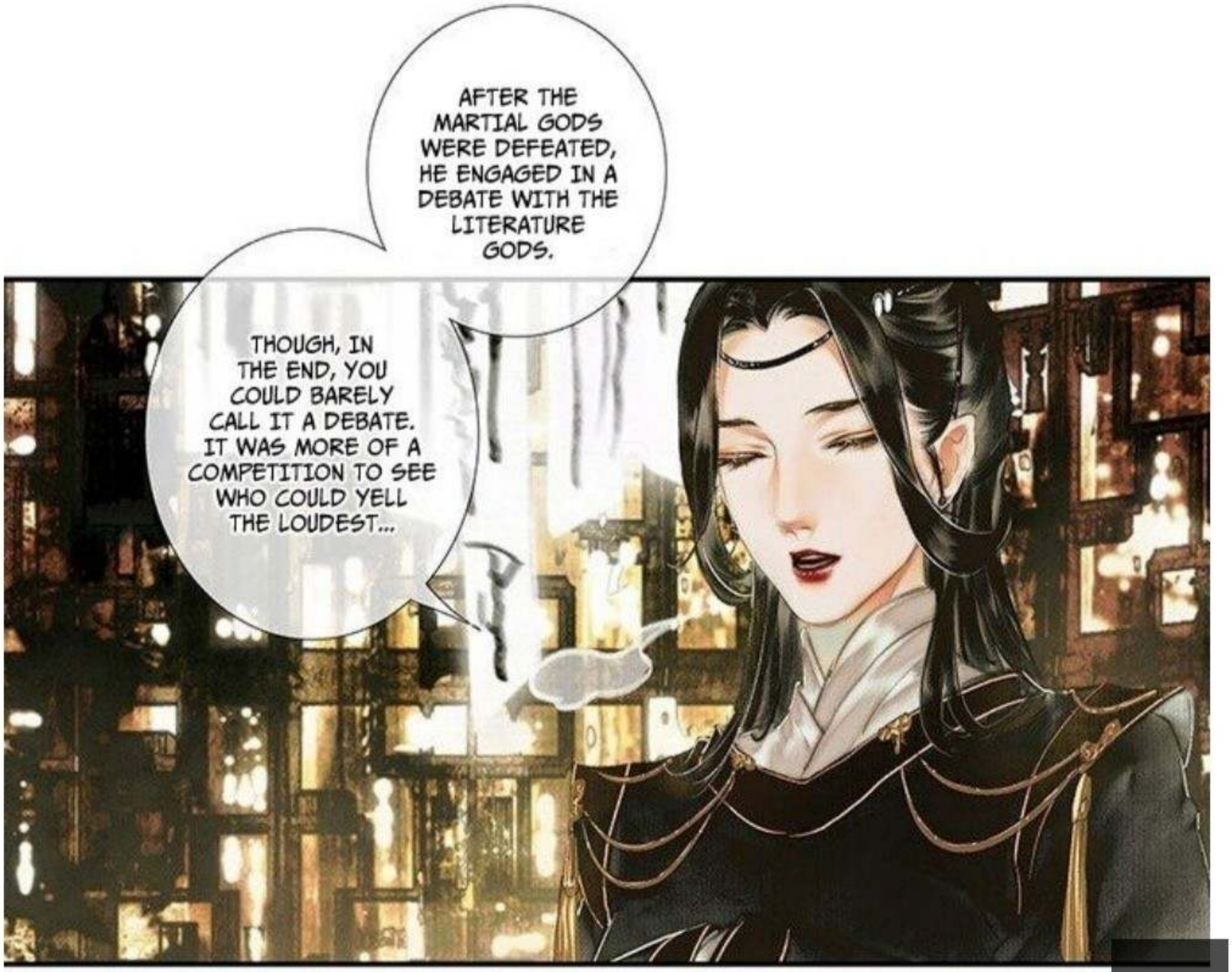

YES,
BUT THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT
HE DID.

AT THE TIME, HUA CHENG HAD JUST BARELY REACHED DEVASTATION LEVEL, YET HE HAD DECLARED WAR AGAINST 35 HEAVENLY OFFICIALS—

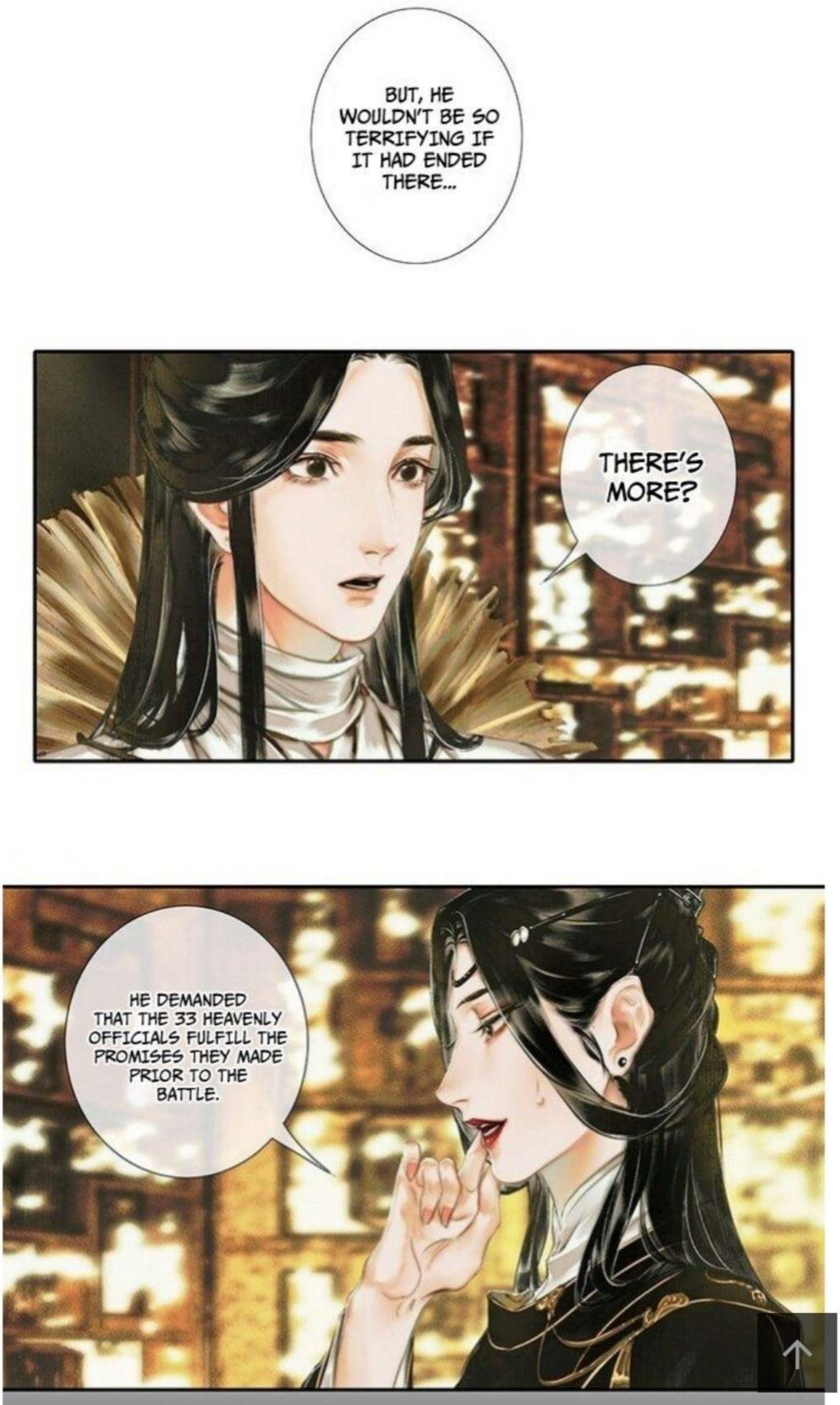

OUT OF THE 35 HE CHALLENGED, 33 TOOK HIS DECLARATION LIGHTLY, AND JOINED TOGETHER, IN ORDER TO TEACH HIM A LESSON.
THE MARTIAL GODS FOUGHT HIM FIRST.
CRACK

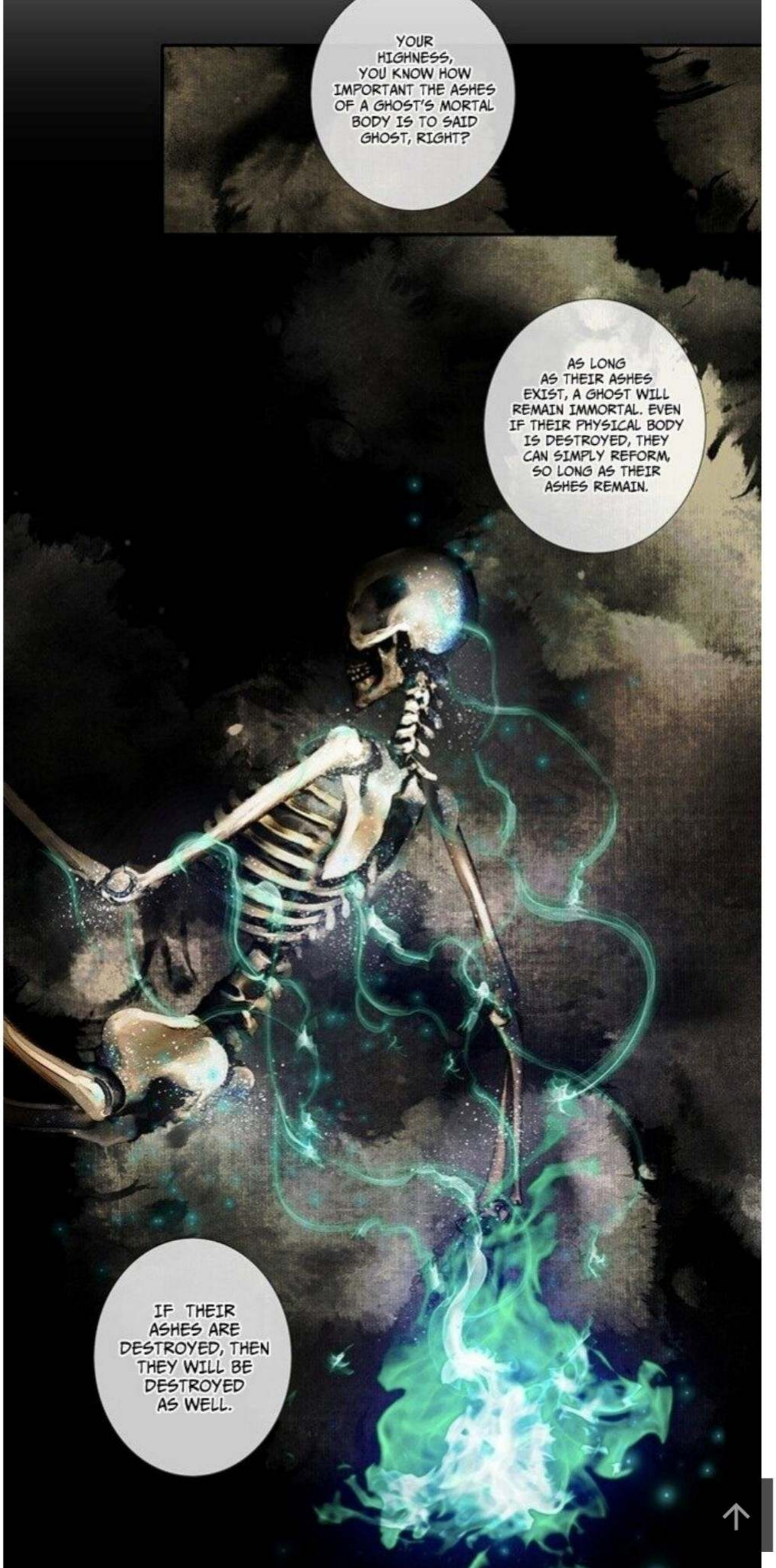
AS YOU KNOW, MARTIAL GODS ARE THOSE WITH THE MOST BELIEVERS, AND ARE WIDELY CONSIDERED TO BE THE STRONGEST AMONG US.
ALTHOUGH HUA CHENG WAS A DEVASTATION CLASS GHOST, HE WAS STILL RATHER INEXPERIENCED, SO AT THE TIME, THE GODS WEREN'T AFRAID OF HIM.

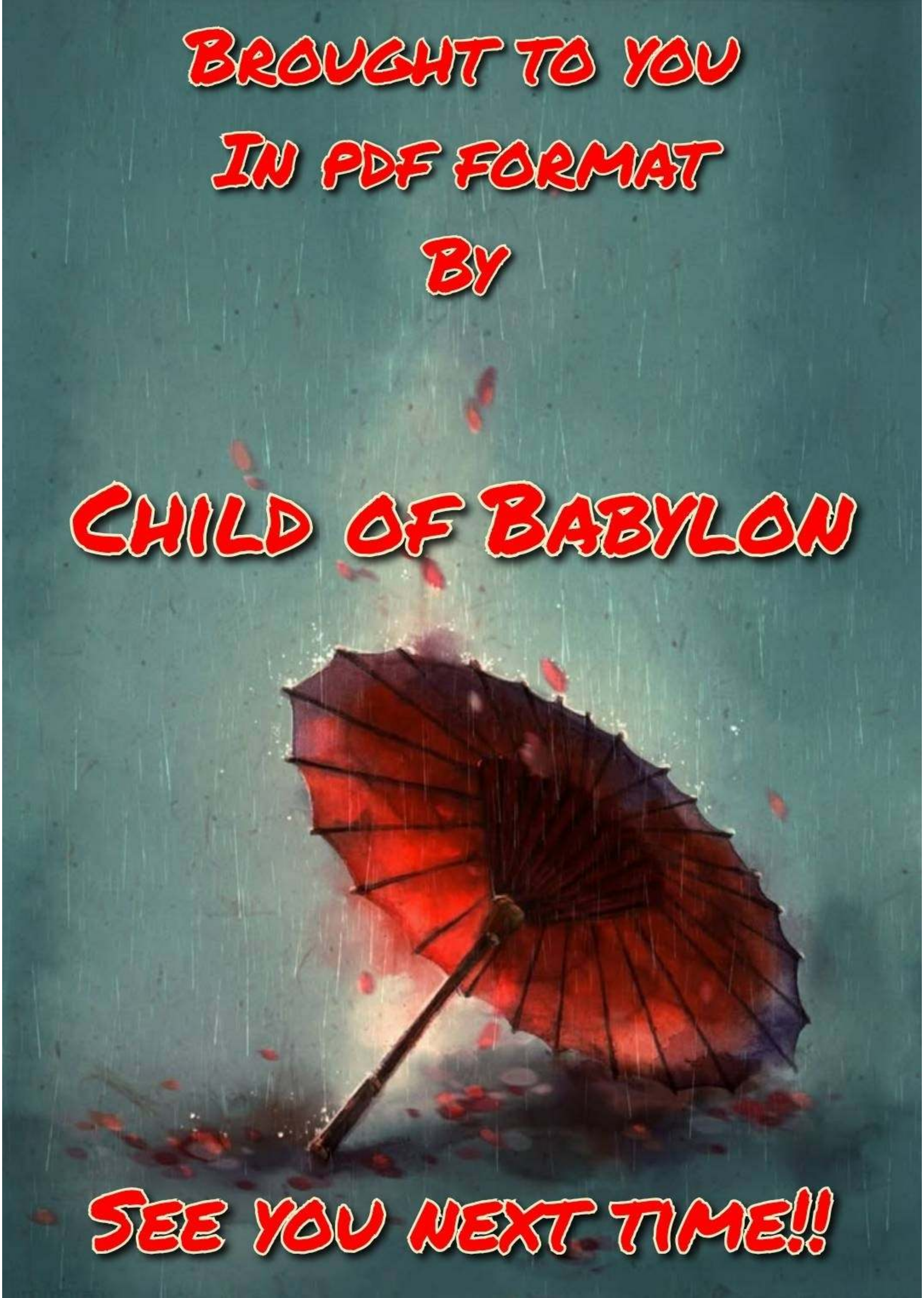

BUT REALLY, TO THINK, AFTER JUST ONE BATTLE...
ALL THE MARTIAL GODS WHO FOUGHT HIM WERE ANNIHILATED.


AFTER THE MARTIAL GODS WERE DEFEATED, HE ENGAGED IN A DEBATE WITH THE LITERATURE GODS.
THOUGH, IN THE END, YOU COULD BARELY CALL IT A DEBATE. IT WAS MORE OF A COMPETITION TO SEE WHO COULD YELL THE LOUDEST...

IT WAS AS IF HUA CHENG KNEW EVERYTHING— HEAVEN AND EARTH, PAST AND PRESENT. SOMETIMES HE SPOKE POLITELY, OTHER TIMES HE WAS MALICIOUS. EITHER WAY, HE WAS WELL-SPOKEN, AND FOUND A WAY TO OUT-SPEAK EVERY ONE OF HIS OPPONENTS.
HE SCOLDED THE LITERATURE GODS TO HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND THEN BACK AGAIN— THEY WERE FURIOUS.
AFTER THESE BATTLES, HUA CHENG BECAME FAMOUS.


BUT, HE WOULDN'T BE SO TERRIFYING IF IT HAD ENDED THERE...
THERE'S MORE?
HE DEMANDED THAT THE 33 HEAVENLY OFFICIALS FULFILL THE PROMISES THEY MADE PRIOR TO THE BATTLE.


YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THE ASHES OF A GHOST'S MORTAL BODY IS TO SAID GHOST, RIGHT?
AS LONG AS THEIR ASHES EXIST, A GHOST WILL REMAIN IMMORTAL. EVEN IF THEIR PHYSICAL BODY IS DESTROYED, THEY CAN SIMPLY REFORM, SO LONG AS THEIR ASHES REMAIN.
IF THEIR ASHES ARE DESTROYED, THEN THEY WILL BE DESTROYED AS WELL.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